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THE WEATHER.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Illinois—Partly cloudy Friday; Saturday fair, fresh west to northwest winds.

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TRAINS MOVED BY SOLDIERS

... at Stations In All ... Principal Russian Cities.

... OBEY STRIKE ORDER

... Is Completely Cut ... From St. Petersburg.

... Dec. 21.—Since noon ... have been filled with ... those in the ... The railroad stations ... of the military ... of workmen ... that night. It is re... pledge in their cap... of the second work... are placed in the ... St. Petersburg and St. ... of the first com... Saturday night ... promptly ... the second. The ... issued an ap... asking for liberal ... proletariat "which is ... of the struggle for ... of the nation." The ... is found to be much ... and even death ... asks for ma... purposes to inaugurate ... for workmen ... the city.

Moscow Cut Off.

... cut off from St. ... with provinces gener... communication this ... to the latest in... insurrection ... province of Vit... of Livonia. ... had fortified the ... intrenchments ... They also ... machine guns recent... by them. The trenches ... stern, both sides losing

Hold Kharkoff.

... from Kharkoff ... revolutionaries are under ... troops are being concentrat... purpose of recapturing the ... The strike started here at noon ... In the center of the city ... were closed, the proprietors hav... a guarantee that if they ... open they would receive pro... that any deputation of ... seeking by threats of force ... closing of shops would be ... arrested.

... however, an impressive ... in the industrial sec... the chief interest is in the ... strike centered at Warsaw ... there the government was to ... its ability by moving ... Berlin. The depot was pack... troops. Promptly at noon there ... hurrah, accompanied by a ... escaping steam, and a few ... the railroad men walked ... yards in a body.

... authorities, however, were pre... after a delay of ten min... locomotive manned by soldiers ... battalion backed into the ... was coupled to the wait... which was crowded with ... seeking to depart from the un... country.

... soldiers with fixed bayonets ... train and an official with ... entered the carriages and ... searched them in order to ... suspicious persons were on ... the official and his escort ... a signal was given and ... entered the baggage ... another detachment was ... through the carriages. The ... pulled out. An extra car ... wrecking apparatus was ... the train to be used in ... At other stations ... cautions were taken.

Thousands Quit.

... facturing districts beyond ... Narva gates in the ... district, and in sec... sides of the Neva, work... obeyed the summons to ... promptly at noon thousands ... emerged to the street. Police, ... soldiers of the guard regi... other patrols, were every... as far as reported no col... the inauguration of the ... workmen seemed very ... determined. The men of ... selected in advance a cer... to act as pickets for the ... preventing any attempt to ... strike breakers into the fac-

estate to estate, bringing away families who are afraid to stay. The Cossacks are often attacked. At Romershof the Lettish republicans killed August Von Hennings, assistant district governor, and burned his house.

Escort Refugees.

A squadron of dragoons stationed at Romershof started for Riga and escorting a long procession of fugitives. The cavalrymen were compelled to keep up a running fight with a guerilla band all the way to this city, during which the guerillas killed altogether thirty of the convoy or escort. The dragoons also left many bodies of their enemies behind them. It is asserted a Russian or a German, who is classified with Russian oppressors, dare not travel through the country without an escort, as race feeling is breaking loose in passionate hatred of all Russians or aliens.

PEASANT BANDS BURN MANSIONS

... Flee, Under Protection of ... to Save Their Lives.

... government of Livonia, Rus... Stettin, Prussia, by ... 21.—A special staff cor... of the Associated Press ... from Reval by freight ... December 15, saw while ... through the gulf of Riga dur... great fires on land. ... country homes, for ... the military headquar... thirty manorial places ... the peasants had ... killed the proprietors and ... plundered the man... buildings.

... houses at Riga ... nobility of Court... who have either been ... mansions or who ... of staying on their ... before the peasant ... them.

... countryside is held by ... of farmers and farm la... broken loose from ... control of the Rus... and have pro... independence of the

... of Cossacks are scout... the country or riding from

REVOLUTIONISTS ISSUE APPEAL

Demand Overthrow of the Russian Regime.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 21.—The single telephone working to Moscow this afternoon brought grave reports of serious disorders and collisions between the troops and populace. The strike call, in addition to making regular demands for a constituent assembly, universal suffrage, abolition of martial law, immunity of the person and other features of the proletariats' program, insists on the release of the imprisoned members of the workmen's council, discontinuance of all political suits, acquiescence with petitions of the army and navy and railroad and postal telegraph employes for increase of pay, transfer of the land to the people, 8-hour day, and abolition of all restrictions regarding nationalities and religion.

One More Blow.

The preamble reads: "Citizens, freedom or slavery? Is Russia to be governed by the people or ruled by a band of thieves? Let us stop industry, commerce and communications throughout the country and with one united effort overthrow the last vestige of autocracy. To the whip, sword and machine gun let us oppose the revolutionary lavonet. Financial ruin threatens to engulf the government, one more blow and the vile regime will be ended."

BLOODY WORK IS KEPT UP

Revolutionists in Livonia Show No Mercy to Soldiers.

ONLY THREE ESCAPE.

Riga, Livonia, Dec. 21.—Details of recent revolt at Tukum Courland have been received. According to this report after the defeat of the soldiers on the first day, reinforcements arrived but these also were driven out, leaving the town in the hands of 3,000 armed revolutionists. That night revolutionists set fire to a building in which forty dragoons and their officers were housed. As the soldiers tried to escape they were fired upon. Captain Mueller and twenty-four dragoons were killed and an officer and thirteen privates wounded. Only three escaped. Revolutionaries compelled them to retire. Artillery later bombarded the town, and as people attempted to pass the cordon of troops, were shot down. It is estimated 400 were killed. The battle lasted all night and the town surrendered the next morning.

MOTHERS STOP SCHOOL KISSING

Chase Young Teacher of Lax Discipline Out With Broom.

Bridgeton, N. J., Dec. 21.—The "Smack in School" made famous by readers and reciters for generations, caused an upheaval in the Back Neck public school near this city, and the young schoolmaster, Smith Westcott, was chased out of the building by irate mothers with brooms. The board of education of the township is making an investigation, while the school is closed.

According to the stories told parents by some of the pupils the school was under very lax discipline for some time and often turned into uproar by the doings of some of the boys. The staid farming community learned, through some of the girls, that hugging and kissing were every-day features of life within the walls of the little building, and there was widespread indignation.

The latest story, and the one which brought the exciting crisis, was that a boy had been overhauled by the teacher for throwing spitballs, which hit girls in the eyes. The teacher caught the boy, made him roll a lot of the balls and then stood him in a corner and threw them at him until he was a sight to behold.

The women of the near neighborhood armed themselves with brooms, chased the teacher from the school, stood as pickets outside and forbade the children from entering. The matter was brought to the attention of the board which began the investigation.

BIG IMPORTATION OF JEWELS

Over $36,000,000 Worth of Diamonds Year's Record

Washington, Dec. 21.—A statement issued today by the department of commerce and labor says: "Over $36,000,000 worth of diamonds and other precious stones have been imported into the United States during the present calendar year, which is by far the largest importation in the history of the country.

The highwater mark in earlier years was $25,500,000 in 1903, while 1904 showed but $27,750,000. In the ten months ending with October the total is over $31,000,000, or more than in any full year prior to 1905.

It is possible that the value of diamonds alone brought into this country during the present year will be nearly or quite $30,000,000, and the "other precious stones" approximately $7,000,000. The value of uncut diamonds imported into the United States in 1905 will exceed $10,000,000.

EXAMINATION BY THE STATE

Is Formal Proceeding and Does Not Show Much About Companies.

OFFICIALS ARE ON STAND

Tell of the Methods Followed In Making Their Inquiries.

New York, Dec. 21.—Francis Hendricks, superintendent of insurance of New York State, was the chief witness before the insurance investigation committee and testified that the examinations of insurance companies by his department are made to ascertain only the solvency of companies and that no investigation is made into the extravagance of the management of a company or into the salaries paid officers, so long as the company is able to pay its obligations.

No investigation is made into the commissions paid agents, the system of loading on the premiums, advancing of loans to agents, or loans to directors. Employment of kinspeople of officers in high positions is not inquired into. This has long been the custom of the department, Hendricks said, and declared further that he personally knew little or nothing about the various examinations made, as they were entrusted to Isaac Vanderpool, chief examiner of the department.

No Opposition.

While Mr. Hendricks' memory failed him as to any legislation which he had suggested as a remedy to any defects in the laws governing insurance companies, he states that no measure presented had ever been opposed in the house of the legislature. Neither had any bills been passed against his recommendation. Hendricks said that his department spent last year about $137,000 and received in fees and payments $287,726 which was paid into state treasury. To make examinations that would bring out such information as has been gathered by legislative committee, witness said, would require ten more examiners and an additional appropriation of from $50,000 to $60,000. He thought, however, he could get the appropriation if he asked for it. Hendricks knew nothing of the large legal expenses of the New York, Equitable and Mutual Life, as they had never been called to his attention. He has never heard of the wash sales of securities nor the year end loans of the Equitable to clerks of Kuhn, Loeb & company, nor had these ever been brought to his attention.

Vanderpool On Stand.

Isaac Vanderpool, chief examiner of the insurance department followed Hendricks and detailed what was done at an examination. He said that practically it was a comparison of the company's sworn report with the books. He had never known of the wash sales nor of the year end loans; he had never known the salary of President McCurdy of the Mutual, nor had he ever inquired what it was. Salaries are in one lump sum in the salary account and he had never taken steps to find out if these moneys had been paid for that purpose. Large expenditures in the supply department had never excited his curiosity although the vouchers had been looked at at random. These were stamped with the approval of the expenditure committee and he had never questioned their legitimacy of purpose. Vouchers for $25,000 payments to chairman of expenditure committee, he had seen, but never inquired into. Vanderpool said all examinations were conducted in this manner, that he never tried to go back of a voucher or book entry. This was a custom which had prevailed ever since he had been in the department.

AGED LAWYER DEAD AT QUINCY

Hope S. Davis Had Practiced Law With Lincoln and Douglas.

Quincy, Ill., Dec. 21.—Hope S. Davis is dead aged 87. He was a member of the general assembly of Illinois in 1876. He had practiced law fifty years, being at times associated with Stephen A. Douglas and Abraham Lincoln.

WANT FREE TRADE.

But Democrats Will Support Philippine Tariff Bill.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The view of the minority members of the ways and means committee on the Philippine tariff bill was filed in the house today by Representative Williams of Mississippi.

The democrats offer a substitute declaring for absolute free trade between the Philippines and the United States including Hawaii and Porto Rico, but add that if their substitute is voted down they will support the republican bill as a "long step in the logical and right direction."

LONG UPHOLDS THE PRESIDENT'S PLANS

Says Congress Has Power and Should Deal With the Rate Question.

Kansas City, Dec. 21.—Chester I. Long, United States senator from Kansas, was the principal speaker tonight at a dinner given by the Knife and Fork club of this city. Long discussed the subject: "Proposed Rate Legislation," and insisted that congress has unquestioned power to regulate and supervise interstate rates, and said it should exercise more of its power so that the carrier may be compelled to treat the public with exact and even-handed justice. He endorsed the plan proposed by President Roosevelt and thought congress would act wisely if it followed the president's advice.

JUST THE PROPER TIME

How a Couple of Sports Got a Moose From the Woods.

HAD PLENTY TROUBLE.

Two Harbors, Minn., Dec. 21.—How a couple of hunters of this village got their moose out of the woods from a point about five miles east of Hornby, a station on the Duluth & Iron Range road, north of here, illustrates a run of luck unusual. One of the hunters killed a young moose. The couple had gone to the woods prepared to take care of their game, and in their kit carried a small pulley, and a stout hemp rope for the purpose of hoisting their game up out of reach of the wolves, which in that section of the country have this fall been unusually numerous. After the killing the pulley was attached to the limb of a good sized tree standing near a beaten trail, and the carcass was elevated to convenient height above the ground, to facilitate a certain operation which always followed the lucky shot. They spread the forelegs well apart with a strong hardwood spreader. While they were consulting on the easiest manner of getting it out to the railroad track, a big bull moose came full tilt out of the woods and rushed right against it. His head passed between the hanging legs, and the heavy spreader caught him under the throat, just as nicely as if it had been a snare set for him. The carcass was jerked loose from its hangings, and fell directly on the back of the big bull. With a snort of fright and rage he bounded off, making a bee line towards the track. The hunters ran for their rifles which were standing against a sapling near by, and took up the trail, the broken bush and hoof prints of the frightened animal rendering it plain. They had little hope of regaining their game, but they trudged along on a bare chance. Within a few rods of the railroad track they found their moose, the broken spreader and an overhanging tree telling how it had ended its furious ride. They were near the station, and procuring assistance of the section men close by soon had their big game easily en route home.

MAN RESCUED IN HELL GATE.

William Ballinger Was Nearly Exhausted When Discovered.

Brooklyn, N. Y., Dec. 21.—Captain George Wilson of the New York, New Haven and Hartford tug No. 4, passing through Hell Gate early this morning, heard faint cries from a man in the water near the Harlem shore off One Hundredth street. He put his tug in the direction of the cries and soon saw a man in the water, making feeble attempts to keep himself on the surface. The deck hands pulled him aboard half senseless and landed him at the Harbor Squad substation at the foot of One Hundred and Twentieth street, from which he was taken to Harlem hospital.

When he revived he said he was William Ballinger, 28 years old, of Lambert avenue, Yonkers. He said he was employed by the owner of a truck farm in Yonkers and had driven down to the Harlem market in First avenue yesterday with a load of lettuce. After disposing of his load he found pleasant companions and had many drinks. He does not remember clearly what happened after that until he got into the river.

The police thought it might be a purely accidental case, but when the surgeons in the hospital found that Ballinger had a slight fracture of his skull the police thought the man might have suffered violence before he fell into the river, and they are investigating the case.

HUMMEL OUT ON $10,000 BAIL

Lawyer's Own Counsel Asked and Obtained Speedy Sentence.

New York, Dec. 21.—Abraham H. Hummel, the lawyer, sentenced yesterday to a year's imprisonment and a fine of $500 for conspiracy in the Dodge-Morse divorce scandal, was released from the Tombs at 10 o'clock last night under $10,000 bail on a writ of reasonable doubt issued by Judge Woodard of the supreme court in Brooklyn.

Hummel was sentenced within a few minutes after the verdict had been pronounced, and the fact that his own counsel, John B. Stanchfield, made the first proposal for a speedy sentence, was one of the surprises of the trial. District Attorney Jerome, hastily summoned to the courtroom, consented to have sentence passed immediately and scored the prisoner while making his motion to the bench.

In his cell at the Tombs before being released on bail Hummel said:

"It would be shocking bad taste for me to say anything, but I can't help but feel that I have been unjustly convicted, due chiefly to vindictiveness. Despite what Mr. Jerome said about my being a menace to the community for the past twenty years, I am behind the bars with a clear conscience, strange as it may seem to some people."

An indictment for subordination of perjury is still pending against Hummel. On this indictment he is under bond in the sum of $2,500.

MILWAUKEE ALDERMAN

Sentenced to One Year for Soliciting a Bribe.

Milwaukee, Dec. 21.—Former Alderman Robert L. Rudolph was this afternoon sentenced to one year in the Milwaukee House of Correction, being found guilty of soliciting a bribe of $100 from City Attorney Hamilton in 1901 to secure the passage of the expense bill through the common council. A stay was granted pending the supreme court's decision on certain questions involved in the case. Rudolph gave $8,000 bail.

William Kister Dead.

Kansas, Ill., Dec. 21.—William J. Kister, president of the bard of trustees of the Illinois Normal college, is dead, aged 67.

WAS MISTAKEN IN THE MAN

Body Found In a Pickle Vat Not That of McCarthy.

OTHER MAN HAD BANK BOOK

It Was Stolen Along With Other Articles Some Time Ago.

Selingsgrove, Pa., Dec. 21.—The story that the body of H. E. McCarthy of this place was found in a pickling vat in a St. Louis medical college has brought to light a case of mistaken identity and partly clears up a mystery surrounding the disappearances of the bank book belonging to the man named.

According to the St. Louis story the dead man had on his person a bank book which showed the deposit of $11,000 to his credit in the First National bank at Selingsgrove.

C. B. North, cashier of the bank, said today that McCarthy some months ago while traveling in the west was robbed of his travelling bang containing, among other things, the bank book. He notified the bank and a duplicate book was sent. Nothing was heard of the thief and the affair was forgotten.

The finding of the body in a medical college and the tell-tale bank book indicate that the late possessor of the book came to an unfortunate end and that McCarthy, the rightful owner of the deposit, is alive, and with his wife is traveling on the western coast.

ROAD WILL BE FINISHED

Clearing House Commission Takes Up Work of John R. Walsh.

IT WAS ALMOST DONE.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Unhampered control of all his interests except those in the three suspended banks and such as he disposes of voluntarily will be assured John R. Walsh by the clearing house commission, according to today's developments. The clearing house commission during the day gave a check for $100,000 to Contractor Kinser, who is building the Chicago Southern railroad. This guarantees the pay of laborers and is regarded as evidence that the Clearing House association has determined to see the railroad through to completion. When work was stopped last week 96 per cent of the road from Terre Haute, Ind., to Chicago Heights, Ill., was completed. The 4 per cent left unfinished is all that is necessary to give the line its proposed connection with Chicago belt lines and establish an outlet for the Walsh coal fields into Chicago territory.

WIDOW SHOOTS KENTUCKY FARMER

Slays Old Man Who Would Not Let Her Cut Down Tree.

Paducah, Ky., Dec. 21.—A sensational killing occurred at 9 o'clock this morning on the Pryor farm near this city on the Benton road. Mrs. Ella Gholson, widow of Will Cholson, about 30 years old, shot and killed William Pryor, aged 67, a prominent farmer. The widow wanted a big tree cut down and Pryor ordered her not to have it cut.

Yesterday he drove two men away, claiming that the tree was on his land. This morning she sent the men back and went with them. Pryor again interfered and she drew a pistol, placed it to his heart and fired. He lived 15 minutes. She immediately gave herself up.

A CASE OF LAND SWINDLE

A New Phase Develops Against State Board In Oregon.

OLD HEAD BACK OF IT.

Salem, Ore., Dec. 21.—A new phase in school land swindles presented itself today in an application for the return of partial payments on counterfeit certificates, made in good faith, to the state school land board by Fenwood Lumber company of Wausau, Wis., which holds fifteen bogus certificates for an aggregate of 4,219 acres. The Fenwood company loaned money on the certificates to one "D. R. Murphy," which is believed to be an alias of one of the persons convicted several months ago in the federal courts of defrauding the government of public land and who is now a fugitive from justice. Payments were made in Murphy's name on these certificates as fast as they became due by the Fenwood company, and they now ask these payments to be refunded. The land board has deferred action until it is determined whether they have authority to refund payments.

NEW OREGON SENATOR

Grearin Sworn In as Successor to the Late J. M. Mitchell.

THE HOLIDAY RECESS.

Washington, Dec. 21.—After a session of little more than an hour's duration the senate today adjourned until January. Only about half the session was legislative in character, and the greater part of the time was devoted to the discussion of the regularity of the credentials of Senator Greain who succeeded Mitchell as senator from Oregon. The credentials were accepted and Greain sworn in.

The House.

There was but a ten-minute session of the house today, when the holiday adjournment until January 4 was taken.

Two speeches, one attacking and the other defending the cotton crop estimates of the government, were to have been made, but permission was granted to print these speeches in the Record.

Mr. Payne announced: "Our oratory seems to have been exhausted," and without extending further invitation to any member for a speech an adjournment was declared by the speaker.

ATTEMPT ON LIFE OF PRES. REYES

Revolutionists Seek to Overthrow the Government.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The state department has received information that an attempt was made in Bogota yesterday to dispose of President Reyes as an incident to a plot for overturning the government. In consequence there were many arrests of prominent men, who were to be tried by court martial today. Among them was a former minister of the cabinet and five leaders of the opposition. No details are received for reasons for the attempt on Reyes.

DELEGATES ARE NAMED.

Rosedale, Miss., Dec. 21.—Charles Scott, president of the Mississippi River improvement and levee association, has appointed delegates to attend the forthcoming National Rivers and Harbors congress in Washington. Among them are Stuyvesant Fish, Charles S. Fairchild, Bailey Finch, Iowa; Judge J. L. Dickerson, W. R. Proutman, Charles J. Melliken, Illinois; J. E. Smith, Marcus Barnheimer, Col. Green Clay, Missouri.

MINNESOTA MAN DEAD.

Charles W. Johnson, Prominent In Business and Politics.

Minneapolis, Dec. 21.—Colonel Chas. W. Johnson, prominent for many years in state and national politics is dead. Johnson was for fifteen years a partner in a prominent local banking firm and has held offices of city clerk, county treasurer, chief clerk United States senate for twelve years, secretary Minnesota state senate and other positions.

CRUISER WILL STAY.

Italy Keeps Big Boat At Shanghai—May Land Men

Rome, Dec. 21.—The Italian armored cruiser Marco Polo, at Shanghai, has been ordered to remain there until the re-establishment of tranquility. The commander has been authorized to land 500 men should he deem such action necessary.

Two Illinois Men.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—The American Angus Breeders' association today elected: President, J. S. Goodwin, Illinois; vice president, J. J. Martin, Iowa; secretary-treasurer, Thomas McFarlane, Illinois.

ROOSEVELT IS ACCUSED

Former New York Governor Says He Tried to Wreck Party

FOR PERSONAL GAIN.

New York, Dec. 21.—The interest in the contest for speakership of the New York state assembly was tonight largely centered upon an interview given today by former Governor O'Dell, republican state chairman, in which he accused President Roosevelt and Governor Higgins of deliberate attempts to wreck the republican party in this state in order to further their personal ambitions.

Assemblyman Wadsworth said tonight:

"I believe Governor Higgins statement that President Roosevelt did not dictate my candidacy, and I think Governor Higgins is abundantly able to take care of himself." Wadsworth expressed himself as absolutely certain of election.

BIG MONKEY GETS LOOSE IN THEATER

Leaps From Head to Head in Wild Rush for Liberty.

North Alabama, Mass., Dec. 21.—At the performance at the Richmond Theater a large trained monkey broke away from his trainer on the stage and jumped among the spectators. He took the women's hats for trees, and leaped from head to head in his rush for liberty.

Instantly the theater doors were closed to keep the monkey in, and at that moment everybody wanted to get out. The several hundred persons in the theater left their seats and were almost in a panic. Some of the women were badly frightened.

MINER "SCOTTY" SLAIN FOR GOLD

Brother Says He Carried $1,800 Into Desert and Is Missing.

BLOOD ON HIS SADDLE

Mule Returns Riderless and Friends Are Scouring Death Valley.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 21.—It is believed among Walter Scott's intimates that he has met his fate. While neither automobile accidents nor unparalleled speed on railroads could disturb his mad progress, evidence points that he died alone and ingloriously on the desert far from the whirl of the press and the glare he so dearly courted.

The simple facts are: Scott left his camp, near Bennett's Wells, December 1, carrying two rifles and $1,800. His mule, "Slim," galloped riderless into camp December 7, the saddle pierced by a rifle ball and the saddle seat and blanket blood stained. The sole authority for this story, however, is Scott's brother, who writes from Bennett's Springs under date of December 10. No one has offered a reward for Scotty's body and nobody expresses a desire to explore the desert for that purpose before Christmas.

The letter from Scott's brother follows:

"Scotty's mule, 'Slim,' came to my camp at Bennetts Wells on the 7th with a bullet hole through the cantle of the saddle and considerable blood on the cantle seat and two big blotches of blood on the blanket. I at once took the mule's back trail with Shand Merricks, who is a good scout. We camped two nights on and away from the trail. We tracked her fifty miles over the roughest country. She came from the south end of Death Valley out of Funeral Mountains. As there has been a terrible sand storm raging for the last thirty hours, it is almost impossible to do any trailing. We got out of water and had to come in. Merricks has a good trailer with him and has gone back to where we lost 'Slim's' tracks.

"Scotty left me on the morning of December 1. He carried two rifles, a pair of field glasses and $1,800 in money."

"That a great many desert enemies surround Scotty in Death Valley there is no doubt,' said King tonight. "He carried a good deal of money on his person and the fact was generally known; besides, since having obtained the notoriety that he has in his various doings many have gone to Death Valley determined to discover his mine. It looks bad."

U. S. WANTS ISLAND.

Rumor $4,000,000 Offered to France for Tahiti.

San Francisco, Dec. 21.—The steamer Mariposa, which arrived from Tahiti yesterday, brought the news that a rumor is current throughout Tahiti that the United States government has offered France $4,000,000 for the island.

LIFE SAVERS GO TO RESCUE

Steamer Pennsylvania Ablaze Five Miles off Atlantic City.

Atlantic City, Dec. 21.—A large steamer, reported to be the Pennsylvania, which sailed from New York yesterday for Seattle, is on fire about five miles off this city.

A second life saving station reports that flames can be plainly seen. The vessel is drifting toward this city. Two life saving crews have gone to the assistance of the steamer.

The cutter Mohawk will leave Tompkinsville, Staten Island, this afternoon, to assist the vessel.

ROB MISSOURI TOWN POSTOFFICE

Burglars Get $150 at Lisle While Postmaster Is At Wedding.

Leslie, Mo., Dec. 21.—While David Roach, postmastetr at this place, was attending a wedding last night at the house of John Gill, three miles in the country, robbers entered the postoffice by prying open a shed door and passed into the main building through an unfastened window. Four tramps are suspected of being the robbers. They were seen hanging around the postoffice and railway station all day.

The burglars obliterated their tracks in the snow by dragging their feet.

Mr. Roach says his loss is all in postoffice funds, amounting to $150.

Universal Suffrage.

London, Dec. 21.—The correspondent of the Telegraph at St. Petersburg says a majority of those present at the council held at Tsarskoe Selo voted for universal suffrage. The emperor, however, after listening to all arguments, deliberately and decisively refused to abide by the decision of the majority and declared against universal suffrage.

CABINET DINNER.

President and Wife Entertain In State Dining Room.

Washington, Dec. 21.—President and Mrs. Roosevelt gave their first formal dinner to members of the cabinet and their wives and a few invited guests this evening. The dinner was in the state dining room.

Buildings Wanted.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Representative Longworth, of Ohio, introduced a bill providing for the purchase at a cost of not over $5,000,000 o buildings for United States missions at all foreign capitals where this government maintains ambassadors or ministers.

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Bird's Eye View of Central Illinois

AGREE ON THE DRAINAGE

Modified Plan Is Adopted Regarding the Spring Lake District.

RECLAIMS MUCH LAND

Pekin, Ill. Dec. 19. A decree was entered in the county court today approving the modified plan for the drainage of Spring Lake. Heretofore the land owners, who is quite a number of them, objected to the closing of the old canal leading from the Illinois river into Spring Lake and over which the county supervisors claimed control, as well as the Illinois canal commissioners. When it became known that it was the plan of the drainage commissioners to close the canal, Attorney General Stead was notified, and he immediately joined with State's Attorney Schaefer of Tazewell county in instituting a suit in equity. The commissioners and land owners then got together and agreed upon a modified plan. It was agreed that the old canal shall be cut in the lower end of Spring Lake and a lock put in, the lock to be maintained by the drainage commissioners and the Smith-Hippen Grain Company of Pekin. The lock is to be under the control of the drainage commissioners, and no lockage is to be charged navigation crafts.

Several land owners, owning land on the high ground which is above the high water mark, petitioned to be relieved from any assessment because they will receive no benefits from the proposed drainage. This the commissioners have agreed to exempt, but there are three owners of land in the bottom, in Mud Creek, who are also asking for relief from assessment, because they believe Mud Creek can never be drained. The hearing on this question will be had on December 26. Otherwise everything seems to be in readiness for the beginning of this work, the estimated cost of which is $296,000.

WILL ARREST 100 SALOON MEN

Anti-Saloon League Begins Big Crusade at Sterling.

Sterling, Dec. 19.—The Anti-Saloon league, which has placed detectives in Bureau county, completed its work of gathering evidence yesterday, and sixty warrants were issued for the arrest of as many saloon keepers in the county. This, it is planned, will be followed today by the issuance of forty more warrants. On each warrant six counts are charged for the violation of the saloon license law.

WILL OF REV. C. P. COOLEY

Provides for Payment of Note to Millikin University.

Urbana, Dec. 19. The will of the late Rev. Cyrus P. Cooley, who died at Urbana shortly after his removal from Ridge Farm, was filed today. The widow, Mrs. Isabel Dodds Cooley, is given the rental from the property in Auburn, Sangamon county. She is also to have the interest of $2,000 until her death. The residue of the estate is bequeathed to his children, Mrs. Melissa Alive Barnes, Urbana; Dr. Elmer Bert Cooley, Danville; Mrs. Flora Etta Church, Newman, and Mrs. Laura Edna Hound, Lincoln. The residue includes 160 acres of land in Missouri, subject to a loan, and other land in Douglas county after the mother's dower is deducted. By a codicil the property on West Elm street in Urbana acquired shortly before the death of the testator, is given her until her death. The payment of a promissory note of $500 to James Millikin university at Decatur is ordered. Dr. Cooley is named as executor.

Crossing Watchman Killed.

Peoria, Ill., Dec. 19.—John Murphy, saddle watchman at the Sanger street railroad crossing, received injuries at noon today which resulted in his death an hour later. He attempted to cross the tracks in front of a cut of coal cars pushed by a P. & P. U. engine, was knocked down and the lower part of both limbs cut off, as well as receiving other injuries. He was far advanced in years.

Burglars Loot Ministers' Homes.

Peoria, Ill., Dec. 19.—The residences of Rev. Mr. Van Pelt and Rev. James Benson were entered by burglars. The sum of $24 was taken from the Benson residence and $1 from the Van Pelt residence. Both ministers found their homes in a state of confusion when they returned from church.

Levi Witmeyer.

Taylorville, Ill., Dec. 19.—Levi Witmeyer, one of the oldest residents of Stonington, died last night in a hospital in Decatur. The remains were brought to Stonington tonight and the funeral services will be held tomorrow. Deceased is survived by two daughters and was past 80 years of age.

Would Make Lincoln Gayer.

Lincoln, Ill., Dec. 19.—The city is having too much reform to suit some of the aldermen. In the council meeting this evening was introduced an amendment to the city ordinances now in force which will permit the use of dumb waiters in saloons and likewise music, vocal and instrumental, which have been under the ban for the past month.

Plans for Wolf Chase.

Paris, Dec. 19.—Supervisor Charles Saybold of Horace has twice sighted a grey timber wolf on his farm and he is planning to hold a wolf chase as soon as a pack of hounds can be collected. This is the first wolf that has been seen north of Paris for several years. No depredations are reported.

FELL FROM LADDER.

Serious Accident to Mrs. J. W. Cheney of East Wood Street.

While doing some work on a stepladder Mrs. J. W. Cheney, who lives at 1746 East Wood street, fell and broke both bones in one of her limbs, about three inches above the ankle. Surgical aid was called at once and the broken bones were set. The fracture was a severe one, and it is likely that Mrs. Cheney will be confined to her home for several weeks.

JUNTGEN IS ON TRIAL

Paris Bank Cashier Has a Hearing Before Judge Craig.

RECORDS WITHHELD

Paris, Ill., Dec. 19.—The trial of Walter W. Juntgen, former bookkeeper of the Edgar County National bank, indicted for malicious destruction of property, was called in the circuit court today. Judge James W. Craig is presiding. The failure to obtain the bank records, now in possession of District Attorney Trautmann in Danville will not delay the trial.

The indictment of Juntgen followed the wrecking of the Edgar County National bank and adjoining buildings with a heavy charge of dynamite shortly before 4 o'clock the morning of June 8, this year. Suspicion was directed toward Mr. Juntgen when it was discovered, within thirty minutes after the explosion that he had sustained a broken arm. His story of the accident was that he was standing in front of a screen window of his apartments, when he was struck by a flying brick from the bank building which is on the opposite side of the public square.

After the Edgar county case against Mr. Juntgen had been continued from the June term to the November term of court, little new developed until last week when he made affidavit in the circuit court charging that J. E. Farrish president of the bank, caused and directed false entries to be made, profiting thereby to the amount of $55,000. A day later Attorney Jundas entered a written motion for permission to examine the books and papers bearing upon the charges made by Mr. Juntgen. The court disallowed the motion and gave permission for the defense to examine only those books and papers in which Mr. Juntgen is charged with making false entries. These are the records District Attorney Trautmann has refused to produce.

ILLIOPOLIS GUN CLUB FORMED

Sportsmen Lease Considerable Grounds About Calamus Lake.

Illiopolis Ill., Dec. 19.—The Illiopolis Gun Club met at Dr. J. W. D. Mayes' office and reorganized. Doctor Mayes was reelected president, Lee G. Metcalf, vice president, Rodney C. Turner, secretary and treasurer and W. T. Pasett captain. The membership was limited to twenty-five and the club was at once filled.

They have leased Calamus Lake and considerable adjoining territory. A club house will be built, boats provided, and when the ducks put in an appearance, there will be something doing in that vicinity. Dr. John A. Wheeler, state game warden, was made an honorary member of the club.

WANTED TO LYNCH HIM

Danville Negroes Meet and Discuss Matter of Taking Life.

Danville, Ill., Dec. 19.—The police have been informed of a secret meeting of blacks which was held for the purpose of organizing a mob composed only of negroes, to storm the county jail and lynch William King, a negro who murdered John Connors, a short time ago. As a result of the meeting it is likely that several of Danville's better class of negroes will be arrested on a charge of attempting to incite a riot.

A number of the negroes, however, urged that no action be taken, reminding those at the meeting of Sheriff Whitlock's stand at the last lynching. They were afraid that four or five of them might be killed by the sheriff before they got to King.

Printers Start Paper.

Litchfield, Dec. 19.—Despairing of an early settlement of their differences with the managers of the two local daily papers the printers who are striking for an eight-hour day have established a daily of their own at Gillespie, twelve miles distant. It made its appearance today, named, The Daily Union, and it endeavors to line up the union men and merchants of Litchfield, Gillespie, Staunton and Mt. Olive against the two papers.

SMALL-POX IS RIFE IN ILLINOIS

Reports Show That the Disease Is Prevalent in the State.

Springfield, Dec. 19.—Reports of rapid spread of smallpox throughout certain districts of Illinois have caused the state board of health to become much exercised over the situation. Indications are that the disease will gain a firm foothold again before spring. Past experience with this malady shows that in winter when persons spend much time indoors and ventilation is poor, the contagion is more likely to spread than in the warm months. A number of cases of smallpox are reported to the board as existing in Jersey City, Green and Macoupin counties and another outbreak is reported in the vicinity of Spring Valley and Galesburg.

Passed Forged Check.

Lincoln, Dec. 19.—An unknown negro went to Albert Ahren's grocery store on Eighth street, cashed a check for $10, paying for $3 worth of goods and receiving $7 in change. The check, purporting to be signed by Charles Foster, a local music dealer, proved a forgery. The name given by the forger was Charles Cox. He has not been apprehended.

Lincoln Mortuary Matters.

Lincoln, Dec 19.—Mrs. Amanda Bowman, one of the oldest settlers of Logan county, died at 1:20 Saturday afternoon at the state hospital at Jacksonville. Death was caused by nephritis. Mrs. Bowman was aged 78 years. She was the mother of R. E. Bowman and Mrs. Ernest Grubb of Lincoln. The remains were brought to Lincoln for burial. The funeral was held at 4 o'clock this afternoon at the office of Boyden & Son. Dr. Kaye of the First Presbyterian church officiated. Burial was at Union cemetery. A daughter of the deceased, Mrs. Pierce, arrived from Chicago on the afternoon train in time to attend the funeral.

H. H. May was called to St. Louis today by the news of the death of his brother Fred. This makes the third death in the family within the past four months. The sad feature of Mr. May's death is that six small children are left, both father and mother being dead.

Albert McCallister, a former resident of Broadwell, who died in Chenoa Sunday, will be brought to Lincoln for burial Tuesday. Interment will be in Union cemetery.

The 2-year old infant of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Doby died Sunday at Elkhart and was buried today.

Turfmen Visit Pekin.

Pekin, Dec. 19.—Joe Brennan of Indianapolis and Mass Williams of Independence, Ia., prominent horsemen, were here yesterday in consultation with Henry Schnellbacher. Both of these gentlemen are enthusiastic over the outlook for racing next year, and expect to have big strings of horses at the Pekin event. They say horsemen throughout the middle west are planning to come to Pekin, for here they always receive courteous treatment, and have a good time.

Neff Pleads Guilty.

Taylorville Dec. 19.—In the circuit court today, State's Attorney Neff pleaded guilty to an indictment charging him with assaulting S. K. Strother, editor of the Courier, and was fined $50 and costs. Neff gave a check in payment of the fine and wrote across the face of it. "The best money I ever spent."

THE WILL OF MARGARET WALKER

Lincoln Woman's Estate Valued at $12,000 Is Divided.

Lincoln, Dec. 19.—The last will of Margaretta Walker, an aged lady, who died recently in Prairie Creek township, was filed for probate today. The will was proven in open court, admitted to probate and John Walker appointed executor, without bond, by Judge McCormick. The will provides that three daughters, Elizabeth Werth, Annie Werth, Mary Werth and Mary Walker be paid the sum of $500 each within six months by John Walker, a son, who in turn is given the east half of the southwest quarter of section 15 township 21, range 4 west, subject to all indebtedness of the deceased. The estate is valued at $12,500, the real estate being valued at $12,000. Frederick Smith of Prairie Creek and Henry P. Jones of Delavan are witnesses to the will, which was made June 6, 1890.

DEAL INVOLVES $130,000.

Mississippi Land Trades for Shelby Farm and Champaign Building.

Urbana Dec. 19.—A big deal has recently been negotiated in this county involving an exchange of property amounting not far from $130,000. Abstracts of the property are now being examined. The trade was engineered by Colonel W. S. Biles of Memphis, Tenn., who placed in the 1,114 acres of land in Panola county, Miss. This land was put in at $66,000, said not to be excessive as such things go. The party of the second part is John Smoot of Homer, who recently purchased the Lyons and Palmer department store of that city. The store is put in at $25,000, the business block on East University avenue in Champaign owned by Mr. Smoot is put in at $12,000, and a farm of 203 acres in Shelby county makes up the trade.

"LID" IS ON IN KANKAKEE

High School Board of Control Making Record.

Kankakee, Dec. 19.—The lid was put on by the board of control of the high school, and only six members of the football team were awarded "K's." The rule barring all users of tobacco and those who were not doing passing work in their studies from being awarded "K's" was strictly enforced.

A special meeting was held and all members of the team were called before the board one at a time and questioned and cross examined by President Leonard as to whether or not they had violated the smoke ordinance.

The rules will probably be changed at an early meeting, barring all those who are users of tobacco and those who are not doing passing work in their studies from taking part in the athletics of the school.

OIL MEN TO MEET.

Stockholders of Charleston Crude to Elect Director.

Paris, Dec. 19.—The Edgar county stockholders of the Charleston Crude Oil company will meet this evening in the court house, and elect a director to serve on the board of the company. After the election, they will meet Frank Brazier, of Charleston the president of the company, who will be at the Paris house.

MRS. BEGGS IS WORSE.

Mrs. Beggs Is Worse.

Arcola, Dec. 19.—Mrs. J. R. Beggs, who has been confined to her home by illness for some time, and who it was thought, was on the road to recovery, has taken a relapse and the attending physician now holds out no hope for her recovery.

Institute in January.

Clinton, Dec. 19.—The De Witt county teachers' mid-winter institute will be held January 18 and 19. During the evening of the 18th and the afternoon of the 19th joint meetings will be held with the Farmers' institute.

Lincoln Marital Matters.

Lincoln, Ill., Dec. 19.—John H. Walker and Miss Sadie Mooney were married at 9 a. m. today, Justice J. Q. Smith performing the ceremony at the home of the bride's father, John Mooney, in Woodlawn. The groom is a laborer, and he and his bride will reside in Lincoln.

A grocer of Lincoln is soon to figure at Hymen's altar, according to the following announcement, which appeared in the Sunday Chicago American: "Mrs. Julia Kohn of 245 Bissell street, announces the engagement of her daughter, Regina, to Max Simmons of Lincoln, Ill." The wedding will take place next March.

BIRTHS.

Born — Sunday to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cassidy, 383 South Broadway, a daughter.

CALL ON GOVERNOR

Railway Men Make Most Vigorous Protest Against Recent Freight Rate

OFFICIALS ARE THERE

A vigorous representation to Governor Deneen and the railroad and warehouse commission against the recent twenty per cent reduction in freight rates was made today by some of the most prominent railroad officials of the country. The conference with Deneen lasted several hours. The railroad men came prepared to make a showing of facts and figures, something they had not done at the hearing before the railway board.

In the party were such distinguished gentlemen as George B. Harris, president of the C. B. & Q. system, J. T. Harahan, second vice president of the Illinois Central, William Brown, general counsel of the Chicago & Alton and representing the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul and Rock Island. J. M. Hamill, general counsel of the Louisville & Nashville. W. E. Keepers, general freight agent of the Illinois Central, John G. Drennan, general counsel of the same system, Chester M. Dawes, general counsel of the C. B. & Q., and Major Niles of the Alton legal department.

Chairman James S. Neville and A. L. French of the railroad board accompanied the party into the governor's office and remained during the conference.

General Petition.

A general petition against the whole order was entered by the railroads and they proceeded to show by figures that the reduction would mean heavy loss to the roads and in some cases wipe out the dividends. Particular complaint was made against the sweeping character of the order, which includes the sixth class or car load lots. The railroad men contended that they had no idea the commission intended to cut rates on car load lots, and that the original petition for reduction of rates asked for a cut on the first five classes. The reduction on car load lots they contended had been made without giving them any notice and they had not presented any defense against the reduction in that particular. They then argued that car load class is already very low and that a twenty per cent cut would compel the roads to carry such freight for practically nothing.

Attention was also called to the rates on fresh vegetables and fruits. The governor and commissioners were asked to modify the recent order at least in respect to the car lot class and fresh vegetables and fruits.

PALMER.

Palmer, Ill., Dec 19.—Mr. and Mrs. Bob Buckles of Taylorville spent Sunday here with relatives.

Misses Muriel Teasley and Myrtle Calvert were in Taylorville Saturday.

Miss Essie Higgins of Taylorville, spent Sunday here with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Durnell.

Mrs. R. E. Best spent Thursday in Taylorville.

A. E. Boyd of Decatur spent Sunday here with relatives.

Ernest Boyd of Clarksdale was calling here Saturday evening.

There will be a dance at Simpson's hall Wednesday evening, December 20. Everyone invited.

L. A. Tedrow of Mt. Olive spent Sunday here with his wife.

Mrs. Mary Teasley of Stonington spent Sunday here with her daughter Miss Muriel Teasley.

Mrs. L. A. Tedrow and Mrs. Chas. Bremer were shopping in Taylorville Monday.

Mrs. O. I. Simpson spent Monday in Taylorville.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Clark were in Taylorville shopping on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Blanchard were shopping in Morrisonville Tuesday.

DAVIDSON IS NOT REALLY GOVERNOR

But He Gets the Salary and That's Important.

Madison, Wis., Dec. 19.—Attorney General Sturtevant today rendered an opinion holding that Lieutenant Governor Davidson, who succeeds La Follette January 1, does not really become governor but exercises all the duties and powers of the office and is entitled to the full salary of $5000 a year. The attorney general concludes there is no vacancy in lieutenant governor's office and that Davidson becomes acting governor.

LAFOLLETTE REMOVES DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Kittell Failed to Get After the Grafters and Pugs.

Madison, Wis., Dec 19.—Governor La Follette today removed District Attorney John A. Kittell of Brown county, for malfeasance in office. Charges were recently brought against Kittell that he did not show sufficient interest in the prosecution of grafters at Green Bay and failed to suppress a prize fight during the convention of Eagles there last summer.

CULLOM IS IMPROVED

Appears In Senate Chamber for First Time Since Opening of Congress.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Senator Cullom was in his seat Monday for the first time this session. He had been kept away by illness, although performing many of the committee duties. He took occasion publicly to deny the published report that he has been "deluged with petitions on the subject of reciprocity." He said, however, that he has received many personal letters urging the ratification of reciprocity treaties which he did not think proper to be presented to the senate.

Senator Cullom's appearance in active duty was hailed with much satisfaction by his colleagues, inasmuch as he is recognized as one of the leaders, if not the most conspicuous and influential personage in the committee on interstate and foreign commerce, to which is entrusted the subject of railway rate regulation, and is also chairman of the committe on foreign relations.

Mr. Cullom has suffered principally from facial neuralgia, which this year is said to be one of the phases of recurrence of the grip.

PROF. ROSS RESIGNS.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 19.—Dr. A. W. Ross formerly of Cornell and Stanford universities and for the last five years a professor of sociology in the university of Nebraska has resigned to accept the chair of sociology in the university of Wisconsin.

CONVICTED OF LAND FRAUD

W. T. Horsnell and Royal B. Stearns Are Found Guilty at St. Paul.

BOTH ARE AGED MEN

Set Up An Awful Howl and Accuse the County Officials.

St. Paul, Dec. 19.—The jury in the United States court which has been trying W. T. Horsnell and Royal B. Stearns of St. Paul for land frauds in connection with South Dakota lands this afternoon brought in a verdict of guilty.

A specific charge against Horsnell and Stearns was conspiracy to defraud the United States out of public lands in South Dakota.

Royal B. Stearns lived in Fort Pierre, S. D., and W. T. Horsnell formerly ran an employment agency in St. Paul. The plan was to get persons to sign applications for homesteads entries, secure possesion of the land and, then, according to their testimony, rent it to cattle raisers for grazing purposes.

Horsnell secured a number of girls whom he ostensibly engaged as stenographers to make application for land on promise of receiving $100 for their trouble, they to make two trips to South Dakota to prove up their claims to the land. The claims were then to become the property of Horsnell and Stearns.

Four girls testified they signed the applications but never received the $100 nor were they given the free excursion to South Dakota promised them.

They Bawled

Shortly after the jury returned the verdict both defendants were sentenced by Judge Amidon and the sentences were interspersed by sensational charges made against South Dakota officials and the loud weeping of the two aged defendants that affected every one present in the court room.

Stearns said soon after he was arrested he came to St. Paul to see the district attorney. He said he was always willing to plead guilty to having fenced the lands for pasturage, and declared he never tried to get the lands for any other purpose.

"Sixty other men who have been doing the same thing that I have been doing have come to the district attorney's office and have been allowed to go free," he said, and added that while a county judge in South Dakota he repeatedly refused to sign false papers for people who tried to induce him to do so though it was a common practice.

Stearns was then sentenced to one year and six months in the Minnesota penitentiary at Stillwater and fined $1,000. Horsnell was sentenced to six months in jail and fined $500.

READ OF DISEASE; ALARMED; ENDS LIFE

Dread of Great White Plague Prompts Man to Seek Death.

San Francisco, Dec. 19.—Imagining he was a victim of consumption and fearing his condition was incurable, Mark M. Livermore, a gripman on the Haight street car line, committed suicide at his residence, 1503 Waller St., by blowing out his brains with a shotgun.

A few minutes before the tragedy Livermore was sitting in the parlor with his wife, reading a medical work on consumption.

Without saying a word to his wife he laid down the book, went into the kitchen and with deliberation, prepared to meet his death. He attached a string to the trigger of the double-barreled shotgun containing one loaded shell. He then sat down in a chair, placed the muzzle of the gun to the right temple and set off the trigger with his feet.

HOUSE KEEP UP FREE AND EASY TALK

Finished the Day In Arguments Over a $60 Job.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The house today continued debating, under the guise of referring the message of the president to the committee, topics of interest, local or national subjects, of federal control and of insurance which was the main feature and nearly all speakers began their remarks with reference to it. Managers of big insurance companies came in for criticism. The government was criticised for its lack of control in matters where it has jurisdiction and states were reprimanded for methods of control.

The day was passed without legislation and ended with an amusing debate on the question of appointing a janitor at $60 a month to the reception room on the minority side of the chamber. The majority refused the offer of the majority in this matter and with their aid the janitor was rejected.

GAME IS GONE AT COLUMBIA

Belief Is That Foot Ball Will Be Knocked Out.

New York, Dec. 19.—The final action was taken by the Columbia university council this afternoon on the recommendation of its committee on student organization that foot ball be prohibited at Columbia.

The decision will not be announced until tomorrow, but it is generally believed at the university tonight that the recommendation of the committee has been adopted and that there is no further hope for the game at Columbia.

RAN EIGHTY MILES AN HOUR IN SPOTS

Ogden, Utah, Dec. 19.—The Union Pacific's Los Angeles Limited arrived at Ogden at 2:54 this afternoon, having made its initial race from Chicago to Ogden across the Rockies at a rate of forty miles an hour, including all stops.

The train made 1,500 miles in thirty-eight hours, ending in the fastest race against time ever made by a regular train.

The train whirled down Weber and Echo canons this afternoon at the rate of eighty miles an hour in spots.

ROB'T. HOLDERNESS DEAD

Was a Veteran of Mexican War and Was 81 Years of Age.

HE DIED AT QUINCY

Robert Holderness died at Quincy on Monday, December 18. He had been a resident of this county for many years and at the time of his death was 81 years of age.

He is survived by five children as follows: Mrs. Alice Shoemaker of Forsyth, Harry Holderness of Decatur, Tell Holdernes of Warrenburg and Robert of Bloomington.

The remains will be brought here for burial but the time has not yet been stated. The funeral will be at Bolling Springs.

Mr. Holderness was born in England in 1824 and came to America when he was seventeen years old.

He was a veteran of the Mexican war and was respected by all who knew him and leaves many to mourn his death.

CLINTON MOURNS THIS TEACHER.

MISS LILLIE JEANNETTE LOW, Whose death came suddenly after an attack of typhoid fever.

SENATE ACCEPTS THE CANAL BILL

Measure Finally Passed As It Came From Conference.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The senate today accepted the report of the conference committee on the Panama canal emergency appropriation bill and thus so far as it is concerned, finally disposed of that measure.

The acceptance of the report was preceded by a brief discussion of the restoration of the bonds provision to the appropriation bill, and of the action of the house in resenting the senate's action in separating those two questions. Speeches were made by Messrs. Aldrich, Spooner and Teller, all expressing the opinion that the senate had not contravened the constitutional provision requiring that all revenue legislation shall originate in the house of representatives.

The house message was referred to the committee on finance with instructions to report on senate prerogatives on the question involved. Several minor bills were passed during the day.

SILK SKIRT NOT A NECESSITY

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 19.—In deciding the case of the American Outfitting company, which sued Carleton King for his wife's tailoring bill, Judge Gates holds that a silk skirt is not a necessity, and that a husband does not have to buy them for his wife, if he does not want to. The bill included a silk skirt valued at $16.50.

"My wife lives comfortably and goes in society wearing skirts that cost only $3," said the court, "and I will not be a party to a hold up."

SWIMMERS RESCUE MEN.

Italians Are Caught in New York Tunnel.

New York, Dec. 19.—Three swimmers today rescued two Italian laborers who for more than forty hours had been imprisoned in the East river tunnel of the Pennsylvania railroad by a cave-in at the Log Island City end of the underwater bore. A force of men had been sinking the shaft to rescue the imprisoned men and powerful pumps were kept running constantly in an effort to lower the water level in the tunnel. The boat could not be forced into the tunnel and three men volunteered to swim in. They did so and returned soon after, carying the two men upon their backs.

MISS GRUBEL IS THE CHOICE

Of the Y. W. C. A. As Their Physical Instructor at New Rooms.

INTEREST INCREASES

May Take Two Floors of the Bullard Building.

The board of managers of the Y. W. C. A. met yesterday morning and confirmed the selection of Miss Mollie Grubel as physical director.

Several days ago it was announced that Miss Grubel had been offered the position. At present she is director of physical culture in the public schools of the city. She will at once resign her work there and will be ready by the first of January to devote all of her time to the work of the Y. W. C. A. She will have an abundance of work to keep her well employed.

So great is the interest being taken in the movement for physical culture that there is a likelihood that the organization will lease both the first and the second floors of the Bullard building. Originally the intention was to use only the first floor and basement. Now the plan is, if money is subscribed, and there is every reason to believe that there will be, that both floors and the basement will be used. If this plan is successful, the entire first floor will be converted into a large gymnasium.

Miss Carrie Powers and Miss Droal will go to Chicago this week to consult with authorities there in regard to getting a competent secretary. At present practically ten life memberships, valued at $100 each, have been secured. In addition there are 57 of the $5 memberships, and 225 of the $1 ones.

BALFOUR OUT FOR FREE TRADE

Leeds, England, Dec. 19.—Arthur J. Balfour, the former premier, addressed 5,000 persons at the Coliseum here tonight, devoting his speech almost exclusively to a discussion of the fiscal policy on which the unionists would conduct the campaign.

He said he did not wish to augment the differences within his party over the question. He admitted the existence of such differences, but said that protection as against free trade had been a subject of dispute inside the conservative party prior to and since he was born. The scheme of retaliation and of colonial preference outlined in his previous speeches, he said, in no wise prejudged the question.

"Protection may be right or it may be wrong," said Mr. Balfour, "but I belong to that section of your party which is for free trade and which is not for protection."

Retaliation for "dumping" and a fiscal union with the colonies, he continued, were absolutely consistent with free trade, and not less consistent with the views of those who would like to see the country return to the policy of the United States and other countries.

If tariffs were to be settled by negotiation, the negotiators must have the power to make counter propositions and each case must be treated on its merits. A general tariff might be a good starting point, but a general tariff constructed on protectionist lines was altogther outside the scope of the fiscal reform which Mr. Balfour was proposing for acceptance by the unionist electors.

BEECHER CHURCH IN ILL FORTUNE

Pulpit Once Paid $100,000 Salary—Revenues Now Show Deficit.

New York, Dec. 19.—Henry Ward Beecher's historic Plymouth church has come to such financial straits that a meeting was held last night in the Pierrepont Street Assembly Rooms to devise ways and means to increase the revenues, which have so dwindled in the last year against a surplus of thirty years ago, when Henry Ward Beecher was paid a salary of $100,000. The meeting was in no sense a reflection on Dr. Hillis but rather an indorsement of his untiring efforts in the face of extraordinarily adverse circumstances.

The old Brooklyn Heights families, who were the mainstays of Plymouth have disappeared through death or removal. This was in part the explanation made by Deacon S. V. White, who presided over the meeting.

It was not known probably to those in the assembly rooms until they heard it from Deacon White, that more money flowed into the church coffers while its most famous pastor was defending himself against charges than it has received before or since. Beecher's salary was reduced subsequently to $20,000 and Deacon White told how part of this was returned secretly to meet a deficit following Beecher's support of Grover Cleveland in 1884.

THREATS OF LYNCHING BRING CONFESSION

Half Breed Horse Thieves at Bonesteel Implicate Prominent People.

Bonesteel, S. D., Dec. 19.—Last night Deputy Sheriff Wood arrested Sam Crazy Bull and Will Jones, two half breed Indians at Dixon, in Bull Creek county, charged with horsestealing.

While taking his prisoners to Fairfax he was overtaken by a party of masked men who took the prisoners from the officer and by threat of lynching induced them to make a confession which it is said involves some very prominent people in that part of the country.

The two men were then returned to the officer and are now in jail at Fairfax. The settlers are now in hopes they will soon break up a desperate gang of horse thieves who have terrorized settlers for a long time.

BANK TELLER HELD.

Charged With Theft of Two $5 Gold Coins.

New York, Dec. 19.—Frank A. Gay, Jr., receiving teller of the Monroe bank, was arrested yesterday charged with stealing two $5 gold pieces from the bank. Kaufman Mandell, the president of the bank, said last night that he did not know whether any more money was missing and would not know definitely until Gay's books were examined.

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NEARBY TOWNS

TRIED SUICIDE IN MANY WAYS

J. E. is Found Insane and Taken to Jacksonville Asylum.

Special to The Herald.

Jacksonville, Dec. 19.—John Ellis Murphy, confined in jail for attempt- was found to be insane and taken to Jacksonville by Sheriff Murphy had made several at- s life. He made pills and crumbs and swal- ty and ate a glass cut his throat twice in front of a train, and slashed his hands and razor. The officers took study and placed him in

Local Notes.

C. Throbaugh and son have visit relatives until holidays.

Mrs. wife and babe have re- visit with relatives in

Trump of Maroa is visiting Samuel Jump.

Hardin is confined to his ness.

Sis sent to Decatur Mon- business trip.

Pratt has gone to Muli- Ill., to attend the funeral

Morris Hinchcliff has gone to to spend the holidays with

Joe an is clerking in the dry of Brown & Brown during rush.

Enoch Samuels has taken a as painter in S. A. Garrett's

Sabin of Farmer City, who visiting in Clinton several returned home.

Snider of Storm Lake, Iowa, his parents, W. H. Snider

Goodenough went to Chicago night to attend the veterinary association and stock show.

Nicolai improving and hopes for his recovery.

Gavin, a medical missionary, lecture at the M. E. Sunday evening, Dec. 24, under auspices of the W. F. M. S.

and Mrs. G. H. Gray have gone ago to attend the stock show.

Nora Ellis, who is attending Moody Bible institute in Chicago, home for the holidays.

mond Bowden has returned from where he visited his parents.

goes were sent to Bloomington on the road laying new steel that place.

E. A. Meader, who has been for some time, is some bet-

Pennington will move his gro- from West Washington into the new Fuller building on Washington street January 1.

Bennett, who has been employed the Central bridge gang, went to Wayne, Ind., Tuesday, where he be employed by the iron mills.

Mrs. A. M. Sackett of South Madison has gone to Bloomington on an visit with her daughter.

and Daniels went to Chicago to the stock show.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hunt have re- from a visit with friends in Chicago.

Mrs. M. Edwards of North Center gone to Chicago to visit her daughter, Mrs. Staup, a couple of weeks.

Mrs. J. H. Sarely went to Hooker, Monday night to visit her son family.

Miss Jennie Moore of Lincoln was guest of Clinton friends Sunday.

Harris has taken a position M. M. Strut's clothing store.

DUNN.

Special to The Herald.

Dunn, Dec. 19.—Mrs. Ark Seright of visited relatives here part of week.

and Mrs. John Bragg of near were guests of the latter's sister, J. J. Swank, Wednesday.

the Sullivan visitors last were Chester and Opha Yar- Douglas Wood.

Alice McClure and daughter, Daisy, of Bethany were the guests mother, Mrs. Ella Cunningham, days last week.

Orl Standerfer was shopping in Thursday.

Jessie Cunningham was the of Mrs. Nancy Monroe Sunday.

Lillie and Carrie Smith were visitors Monday.

and Thurman Cordry delivered to the Dunn Grain company week.

Schinkel was the guest of Shasteen last week.

Bohn of Kirksville was calling here Sunday.

children are practicing for the tree entertainment to be Friday night.

Grace West of Kirksville spent and Sunday with her grad- Mrs. Riley.

have been having fine sport

Webb of Todd's Point was of Dallas Hampton Sunday.

and Bob Sanners of Prairie were Sunday callers here.

Mrs. G. G. Monroe and chil- Mrs. Nancy Monroe spent with Mr. and Mrs. Alex Ray

Smith was a business visitor Monday.

and Godfrey Shipman visitors Monday.

MOSQUITO.

Special to The Herald.

Mosquito, Dec. 19.—A two-weeks re- closed at the Valley church.

Jake Angle has returned from at Sidney and Champaign.

visitors. Herman Petel and McNey and family, Rob Hem- Howard Ney and family, Mrs. Mrs. Moffett and children, Bloomington.

Tom Overmire entertained her Missouri last week.

Mitchell moved to Decatur

Miss Morgan is visiting in In-

of Decatur was called to Augusta the last week.

EAST BUCKHART.

East Buckhart, Dec. 19.—Mr. and Mrs. Driskel spent a few days last Mr. Driskel's parents near

Mrs. George Harrod attend- opera in Taylorville Thursday

Deaven and wife of Breck- spent Sunday with William family.

Mrs. J. H. Smith and little spent Sunday with the for- in Mt. Auburn.

Bowden delivered hogs in Dec. 18.

Kirk's handsome new barn is completion.

The patrons' meeting at Central Point school on December 15 was well attended. The pupils gave a short program and Miss Barbre, county superintendent, spoke briefly. Much interest was shown by the patrons of the school.

LONG CREEK.

Special Correspondence.

Long Creek, Dec. 19.—The meetings which have been going on the past two weeks closed Sunday night with nine conversions and six accessions to the church.

Dr. L. N. Lindsey, of Forsyth, visited with his parents Friday night of last week.

Corwin Jones, the blacksmith, is building an addition to his shop.

Miss Bertha Jones, of Decatur, spent Sunday with home folks.

Misses Sophia and Rosa McVitty visited at Pierson Sunday.

Presiding Elder Ship preached at the M. E. church Sunday and was well liked by all who heard him.

George Thompson will move to the Jake Sheets property in the near future.

Mrs. Corman, of Decatur, spent Sunday with friends here.

Charley Scott of near Mt. Zion attended church here Sunday night.

Dessie, the 3-year-old daughter of D. Nowlin is on the sick list threatened with pneumonia.

WALKER.

Special Correspondence.

Walker, Dec. 19.—William Wilson of Decatur was in Walker on business last Thursday.

Steven Clashburn, Chris Fieker, William Fankersly and Ed Hill were Decatur visitors last week.

Gus Kellar of Allenboro was in Walker Friday.

Charles Hill and Mrs. Bell of Macon visited Ed Hill Sunday.

J. E. Thayer was in Moweaqua Monday.

George Gabriel, who has been living on the Gallagher farm west of town for several years, will have a sale next week and will move to Moweaqua, where he will make his future home.

Jessie Markwell of Blue Mound spent Sunday with C. W. Metcalf and family.

The grain elevators are taking in very little grain now, owing to the shortage of cars, which is the worst experienced in several years.

KENNEY.

Special Correspondence.

Kenney, Dec. 19.—Mr. and Mrs. Manfred Nice of Clinton spent Sunday with their parents.

Frank Regan of Mt. Sterling came last week and took his mother home with him to spend the winter. Mr. Regan is in very poor health and came here from Chicago, where he had been to consult physicians about his health.

H. C. Suttle went to Chicago Sunday.

Mrs. Harms returned from Decatur Saturday morning, where she had been to attend the funeral of her uncle, T. L. Meakley.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Orr are expecting their grandsons, Rob and Harry Orr, from St. Louis to spend Christmas with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Todd went to Chicago Saturday morning to visit relatives and attend the fat stock show.

Mrs. William Myers attended the funeral of T. L. Weakley Friday in Decatur, returning Saturday morning.

MONTICELLO.

Special Correspondence.

Monticello, Dec. 19.—W. F. Stevenson and daughters left for Chicago to attend the stock show.

Sheriff Clow was a business visitor in Champaign today.

Mr. Kesler visited his son in DeLand today.

E. Diesback shipped a carload of fat hogs to Chicago Monday.

Ben Davis left Tuesday for Tennessee, where he will visit two months with his parents.

Ralph McDavitt left this morning for New Orleans, where he will spend the winter.

John I. Bowen will hold a public sale December 20.

The M. E. ladies will hold a bazaar in the Ayers building Wednesday and Thursday.

W. H. Craig will hold a public sale Tuesday, December 26. He will then leave for Oklahoma, where he has a quarter of a section.

Alfred Binckley was fined $3 and cost before Squire Pipher for being intoxicated.

C. W. Hancline will have a public sale December 28.

J. C. Tippett is down with a severe cold.

Henry Cornelius and family bid Monticello friends good bye today. They left at 3:45 p. m. for their new home in Oklahoma.

Judge Shonkwiler is in Chicago. He will be home Thursday.

Mrs. Basey will appear Thursday morning at 9 o'clock before Judge Shankwiler to show that her five children are not dependent.

Word was received from Comrade William Bush at Quincy saying that he liked the place and was doing well.

ARTHUR.

Special to The Herald.

Arthur, Dec. 19.—John Banum has returned from the south.

Jack White was over from Williamsburg Monday.

C. P. Phillips, the Lovington cigar-maker, was transacting business here Monday.

L. A. Eckle will hold a combination sale on January 6.

Joseph, little son of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Hunsaker, broke his leg Friday evening while sliding on an icy walk.

Whitlock and Laird are closing out their mammoth stock of clothing.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Haney were down from Tuscola Sunday. Jack is well pleased with his position on the Review.

Dr. O. C. Bruce spent Sunday with his wife and son Henry at Indianapolis.

The Christmas bazaar held by the Baptist Aid Friday and Saturday was very successful in every particular. The program Saturday evening was good. Miss Warner crowned herself with glory by rendering one of her eloquent recitations.

WAPELLA.

Special Correspondence.

Wapella, Dec. 19.—Miss Millicent Race and Mrs. Bensyl of Monticello, who have been visiting Mrs. J. B. Trent and mother, Mrs. Halderman, returned to their home on Monday.

W. R. Carle, who has been visiting his old home in West Virginia, returned home last week.

Ray Anderson, of the Wesleyan University at Bloomington, spent Sunday with his uncle, W. R. Carle.

Mrs. Ollie Stone of Kansas City, is visiting her mother, Mrs. M. Gossard.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Jeffrey, Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Herrington and Mrs. Hattie Turner, attended the thirteenth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Will Morse of Elm Grove, on Friday.

Rev. Burton closed the revival meetings at Long Point on Thursday night.

Mrs. Flossie Dunbar of Heyworth called on friends here Sunday.

Dr. Robertson has sold his property to a Dr. Jones of Waynesville. Dr. Robertson will return to Canada to live.

E. Walden of Soloman has purchased the property of W. T. Hunt and will move to town.

OREANA.

Special Correspondence.

Oreana, Ill., Dec. 19.—J. C. Spooner and wife were Decatur visitors Friday.

S. B. Stewart of Forsyth was in town Friday.

J. W. Hanver and wife spent Thursday with relatives in Cerro Gordo.

Mrs. Wm. Gantz and daughter Louise, returned to Chicago Friday after several weeks' visit with relatives here.

J. C. Spooner and wife moved into the J. Burgess residence last week.

A. W. Bennett and family of Maroa, moved to Oreana last week.

Carl Strope left Monday for Michigan where he has accepted a position as assistant operator.

Mr. Logan visited over Sunday in Decatur.

J. Burgess left Saturday for their new home in Idaho.

Mr. J. Ayrse, Mrs. H. Burgess and Mrs. H. Farmer visited over Sunday with relatives at Sacramento.

The Baptist Sunday school will give their Christmas entertainment at the church on Saturday night, beginning at 7 p.m.

OUTTEN.

Special Correspondence.

Outten, Ill., Dec. 19.—Quite a number from this place attended Mike Hines' sale Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sleeper and daughter Verne, of Mt. Zion, visited at Oscar Wilson's Tuesday.

Ras Jones and Walter Britton attended church at Long Point several nights the past week.

Mrs. Charles Lee and sister-in-law were Decatur visitors Wednesday.

Mr. Ralston, night operator at this place, was a Decatur visitor Wednesday.

Mrs. I. L. Baird, Mrs. W. and Edythe Greenfield, attended church at Dalton City Wednesday evening.

Walter Britton made a business trip to Dalton City Thursday.

Mrs. S. M. Britton entertained company Thursday.

Ed Britton of this place and George Cribbett who lives near Hight, were Decatur visitors Thursday.

Mrs. I. L. Baird was a Decatur caller Friday.

Kate Martin attended practicing for Christmas entertainment at Mt. Zion Friday evening.

William Britton went to Decatur on Thursday.

Cooley Woods and C. B. Britton were Decatur callers Friday.

Harry Jones of Decatur visited home folks Sunday.

J. C. Farrell has a cow down with founder. Mr. Roy Glenn who lives near Hight lost a cow with founder.

Mrs Brad Martin spent Friday with her daughter in-law, Mrs. Walter Martin.

Mrs. L. B. Jones and daughter, Lucy were Decatur visitors Wednesday.

Richard Bertzfield of Prairie Home visited with I. L. Baird's Thursday.

Chas. Lee, Oscar Wilson and William Pettijohn were Decatur visitors Saturday night.

Fred Pierce returned to his home at Janesville Wednesday.

Decatur visitors Saturday were: Mrs. J. E. Farrell and family, Nettie Lichtenberger, I. L. Baird, Walter and Wm. Britton, Ras Jones, Frank Wilson, Frank Gregory and son Cecil, Mrs. W. C. Jones and son Will.

BEMENT.

Special Correspondence.

Bement, Dec. 19.—Mrs. Jonathan Burns and son were shopping in Decatur Saturday.

Mrs. Dr. Ward and daughter Pauline, were in Decatur Saturday.

Miss Lola Baker is visiting her cousin, Miss Cora McClure.

Miss Lizzie Hurt of Cerro Gordo, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Will Body.

Presiding Elder Taylor preached Sunday at the M. E. church and communion service was held.

Miss Clara Hall was home over Sunday.

William Paylin went to Fort Smith, Ark., last week.

Sam McCabe has opened a china store in Monticello.

Roy Smith met with a painful accident Saturday while lifting a vinegar barrel. It fell on his hand, mashing and cutting one of his fingers.

The fire bells and whistle Sunday evening about 8 o'clock caused considerable excitement and emptied all of the churches as the wind was blowing and it was a bad night for a fire. Dave Roberts' coal house was on fire. Not much damage.

Mrs. Marshall of Indianapolis, Ind., is the guest of her brother, Dr. N. N. Vance.

Everett Dawson, who has been seriously ill with typhoid fever, in Chicago, was able to return home Monday.

Miss Mayme Day is visiting Miss Ellen Larson at Voorhies.

Charles Elliott returned home sick from Decatur Monday.

Miss Mary Jestice of Ohio is the guest of Miss Nellie Stollard.

Saturday night the Odd Fellows, Modern Woodman and Royal Neighbors, twenty-eight in number, remembered that Joe Duncan was 53 years old Saturday, December 16, and gave him a pleasant surprise party. Refreshments were served. He received several handsome presents. All voted a good time.

Frank Root's little daughter, Pearl, is sick.

Mrs. Mary Comeford is improving.

Cecil Stephenson is visiting in St. Joe, Ill.

BUILDING.

J. H. Ramsey, of 1516 North Water street, has bought two lots in the 1600 block on North Water street and will build two houses on them this winter.

Owing to the rush of business the F. H. Bushway flavoring extract works have a force of people working day and night.

SELLS RESIDENCE.

John Grindol Disposes of His Property On North Main Street.

For a consideration of $5000 John Grindol yesterday sold his residence at 1775 North Main street to Mrs. Ella Wilson of Rochester, Ill. Mrs. Wilson expects to move to this city soon and make it her home. Mr. Grindol will at once move into his new property on West William street.

His War Name.

"I notice that the leader of those Russian mutineers was a lieutenant named Schmidt."

"Wonder if he is Russian?"

"If he is he must have adopted a nom de guerre."

TAYLORVILLE BOY KILLED

Was Riding On Moving House When Porch Fell and Broke His Neck.

NEFF PLEADS GUILTY.

Special to The Herald.

Taylorville, Ill., Dec. 18.—Robert Little, the stepson of Judge W. A. Abell, of this city, was suddenly killed about 6 o'clock this evening. He was riding on an old house that was being moved in the west part of town. He was sitting on one of the planks supporting one of the front rollers, when suddenly the porch fell off the old house, striking him on the head, breaking his neck and killing him instantly. The unfortunate boy is 15 years of age, and came to this city from Pana with his mother about twelve years ago.

Neff Fined.

In the circuit court today, State's Attorney Neff pleaded guilty to the charge of assaulting S. K. Strother on the 24th of November, as charged in the indictment, and was fined $50 and costs by Judge Dwight. The charge of libel preferred by Neff against Strother is still hanging.

Delinquent Child.

In the county court today, Elmer Christian, the 12-year-old son of John Christian of Owaneco, was declared delinquent by Judge Forrester, and given into the keeping of Al Wagoner, a farmer of near Staunton. The boy's father abandoned this son as well as two others who are shifting for themselves, upon his marriage to his second wife a few years ago. Since then the boy has been on the charity of the neighbors.

In the Courts.

In the case of W. T. Baker of Bolivia, against the C. H. & D. railroad the jury returned a sealed verdict at midnight Friday. Upon the opening of court this morning the verdict was read giving the plaintiff $700 damages. Baker sued on a contract of the railroad to place a depot and switch at a place adjoining his farm to be known as Bakerville. The defendant asked for a new trial.

Wade Bourne, Gyp Wilkinson and Charles Funderburk were fined $3 and costs Saturday night by Judge Weaver on a charge of fighting, in default of payment Funderburk was placed in the county jail. A warrant is in the hands of the officers for Levi Murray on a like charge.

Local News Notes.

Mrs. John Cheney and Miss Minnie Whitlaw will entertain Wednesday and Thursday afternoons at the home of the former.

Mrs. Nicholas Burch was tendered a surprise Friday afternoon in honor of her seventy-second birthday.

"In Old Virginia" will be presented at the Elks' theatre January 3 by a company composed of local society people.

Sheriff and Mrs. Brents entertained at supper Friday in honor of Dr. R. W. Anthony, of Sherman, Tex.

Dwight Miller was tendered a surprise Friday evening by a number of his friends.

The C. P. missionary society cleared $43.17 at their holiday sale held Saturday.

The literary department of the Woman's club will meet Tuesday with Mrs. D. D. Shumway.

Mrs. John Gillock of South Fork township, submitted to a painful operation at Springfield today.

R. K. Calloway, E. M. Seaton, Grover Hoover and W. H. Houser saw "Humpty Dumpty" in St. Louis Sunday night.

Samuel Meader is in the county jail in default of a $300 bond on charge of stealing an overcoat from a traveling man at the Annex hotel.

C. C. Messersmith celebrated the seventy-eighth anniversary of his birth in this city today by inviting a number of his relatives to dinner.

The wedding of Ida Jane Krieger and James A. Bates, both of Stonington, has been announced for the 27th inst. at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Krieger.

Editor John Abrams of the Stonington "Star," formerly of this city, was united in marriage at Stonington Sunday night to Miss Clara Thrash, a popular society lady of that place.

J. C. McBride, Mayor and Mrs. J. W. Leigh, are in St. Louis attending the trial of Mrs. Leafgreen against the Howard estate. The former as attorney and the latter as witnesses.

Kenneth McKenzie, aged 82 years, died Saturday night at the home of his sons, Charles and William McKenzie of Johnson township. He was born in Scotland and had resided in this county eighteen years.

DEEDS RECORDED

Allie P. Cook et al to Josephine Newsham, quit claim to lots 4 and 5 in block 26 of Railroad addition to Macon, $1.

Josephine Newsham to Allie A. Walker, lots 4 and 5 in block 26 of Railroad addition to Macon; $900.

Ellen Smith to Lorey D. Adams, lot 2 of the resurvey of block 9 of Gulick's addition to Decatur; $1,650.

Clyde Patterson to Anna R. Patterson, lot 8 in block 2 of J. K. Warren's fourth addition to Decatur, $3,000.

Michel Stenger to Frances B. Carr lot 1 in block 1 of Whitchel's addition to Decatur; $400.

W. H. Black to Illinois Trust and Savings Co., master's deed to all of lot 6 and 25 feet off the east side of lot 5, also 65 feet off the east side of lot 7, all in block 3 of South addition to Decatur, $5,060.

AL LANGFORD IN BUSINESS.

Opens Shining Stand in Corridor of the Court House.

A new enterprise has sprung up at the court house in the shape of a shoe shining stand. Al Langford, a well known colored man, started up the stand. He got permission from the officials to put his shining chair in the corridor, and is there every day to do the official shoe shining.

FUNERALS.

Elizabeth Dubois.

The funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth Dubois took place yesterday afternoon from her residence at 1275 South Maffit street. It was largely attended and there were many beautiful flowers. The pall bearers were Messrs. Hubbard, Evans, David Hoff and Major Williams. Rev. H. S. Bowyer officiated. The remains were interred in Mt. Gilead cemetery.

Secretary Pierce, Resigns.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Lyman L. Pierce, for the past five years general secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, has resigned on account of impaired health. Price has been identified with similar work in Denver, Omaha, Cedar Rapids and elsewhere.

MISS LIZZIE LOW DIES SUDDENLY

A Popular Lincoln School Teacher Victim of Typhoid Feevr.

WAS ILL EIGHT WEEKS

But Had Recently Showed Improvement In Health.

Special to The Herald.

Clinton, Ill., Dec. 18.—Miss Lillie Jeneatte Low died at her home on South Madison street Monday morning, December 18. She has been ill for the past eight weeks, with typhoid fever, and was thought to be much better when she became suddenly worse, and died. She was born in Clinton, April 27, 1884, and was 21 years old. She attended the city high school and graduated with the class of 1903, and since that time has been teaching and was the third grade teacher and had charge of sixty-five pupils in the Douglas school on East Washington street at the time of her death.

She was a very bright ambitious girl and esteemed by her many friends for her loving disposition and many noble traits of character. She was a member of the Presbyterian church and a very earnest devout attendant. Although very popular she cared nothing for society and clubs but loved her home, and friends.

She leaves to mourn her loss besides her parents, five sisters and two brothers, Mrs. Dusenberry, Fanny, Ella, Florence, Hazel, and John and Ben.

The funeral will be held from the Presbyterian church, Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock.

Messrs. Steven and Smith Low and Ed. Bartlett, all of Decatur and relatives of the deceased, and Mr. Homer Givens, of Heyworth, and a number of friends from Rowell will attend the funeral.

WITH THE SICK.

Warren Mortland, 1120 West Eldorado, who has been seriously ill, is progressing favorably and the doctors have hopes of speedy recovery.

Chester Birchfield is seriously ill with the mumps.

E. E. Crane, 340 West Eldorado, is sick.

Mrs. J. L. Lomison, 432 West Eldorado street, is sick with gastric neuralgia.

Mrs. E. Holdren and family, 224 West Eldorado street, who have been sick, are now progressing favorably.

Rolla Crouch, of Maroa, who went to Louisville on a hunting trip, took sick as soon as he arrived, and has been confined ever since.

Mrs. M. Lookabaugh, 902 North Broadway, is sick with neuralgia of the head.

Mrs. E. Hughes, 150 West Cerro Gordo street, who has been very sick, is now rapidly recovering.

P. V. Lockwood, of West Cerro Gordo street, who has been suffering with ulcerated jawbone, is improving wonderfully, and the doctor has hopes of his getting out on the first of the year.

F. W. Miller, 1509 North Water, who has been sick at his home for some time past, does not improve any.

George Lichtenberger, 629 South Broadway, who has been down with the grippe about three weeks, is now much better.

Ruth and Roy Denz, 880 South Broadway street, have about recovered from a prolonged attack of the whooping cough.

J. B. Owen, 960 South Broadway street, is recovering from a siege of the mumps.

E. A. Larch, 612 South Broadway street, who has been sick with the mumps, is now much better.

Mrs. L. Brand, 464 South Broadway street, is recovering from her recent illness.

Mrs. J. L. Rush, 362 South Webster street, is now convalescent, after a severe attack of pneumonia.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Thackleton, 308 South Webster street, is recovering from a recent illness.

Marion Terry, 735 Johns avenue, is suffering with the mumps.

Miss Edith Morgan, who had been sick at her home in Springfield for several days, has returned to Decatur to resume her work at the Central Union Telephone exchange.

Mrs. P. K. Shutter is reported ill at her home on Riverside avenue.

Train master Evens has been compelled to go back to the hospital, on account of a rash breaking out, but expects to be out in a few days.

Ila Williams of 717 West Eldorado street is sick with a severe cold.

At West's—The programs and premium lists for the farmers' institute can be obtained at West's drug store.

Buy Garage—Johnson & Ruhl, the Clinton firm that bought the garage conducted by Johnson & Lundis, who are also the successors of the Keller-Needham Automobile company, assumed possession of their new property Monday.

Fixing Up—Attorney J. W. Montgomery is having his office re-papered. When the work is finished the room will be one of the handsomest police courts in the city.

Excursionists—W. H. Snyder took quite a crowd of excursionists to the southwest yesterday.

All Shopping—The holiday dullness is here with the newsgatherers who are lost in the mad rush of the shoppers.

Enlistments—The Decatur recruiting officers report the following enlistments: Houston Sims, of Salina, Tenn., in the field artillery, and Frank H. Royer and Troy L. Matsler, of Champaign, in the coast artillery.

Getting Depositions—The state's attorney from Mattoon was in Decatur Tuesday to take some depositions in a case regarding the inheritance tax against a big estate.

Will Filed—The will of the late R. H. Groom has been filed for probate in the county court, and Judge Smith set January 18 as the date for the hearing.

Close to Invoice—The Decatur Lumber company will be closed from Christmas day till January 1, in order to make its yearly invoice.

STOCK SOLD AT AUCTION

Decatur Plumbing and Heating Co.'s Goods Go For $3,189.95.

TO A CHICAGO FIRM

The stock of the Decatur Plumbing & Heating company, which went into bankruptcy some time ago, was sold at auction yesterday to the S. L. Winternitz Commercial auctioners company of Chicago. The price paid was $3,189.95, or about 26½ per cent of the valuation, invoice.

The sale was under the direction of J. P. Perkins of Springfield. The auctioneer was John Coons. There was practically no competition. The sale was conducted in the rooms of the company and about fifty people were present. The stock was first put up by lots, but this method proving unsatisfactory, the entire stock was put up. The stock was valued at $12,037.58. Mr. Perkins was quite well satisfied with the results of the sale. The stock will in all probability be moved to Chicago, where it will be used.

CHRISTMAS AT NIANTIC.

Christian Church Preparing for a Holiday Entertainment.

Niantic, Ill., Dec. 19.—The Christian Sunday school will give an entertainment entitled "Santa Claus Junior," Saturday night, in connection with the Christmas treat. The entertainment is in charge of Mrs. Ella Moore and Mrs. Kapp.

The M. E. people will give their Christmas treat Sunday morning.

Rev. J. W. Ribbins will preach for the Christian church until further notice.

Rev. Pierce will preach Sunday night.

Claude Whaley and son, Leo, will spend Christmas at Triplett, Mo.

Mrs. Henry Little has returned to Warrensburg after a week's visit with Mrs. P. O. Minson.

Twelve school children went to Willard's lake Saturday to skate, taking passage on the interurban.

Edward Grider and wife are at home from southern Illinois, where they were called by the death of Mrs. Grider's father.

An anniversary reception was given Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Drake on the Buckles' farm, three and one-half miles north of Niantic. A sumptuous dinner was served and a delightful social day spent with the following guests present: Wm. Eris and family and Mrs. A. R. Templeman, of Cornland, George Gambrel, wife and son Kenneth, Ed Finan and family, Henry Lindsey, wife and son Leland, Mr. and Mrs. Chanlin, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Simpson, Mrs. Connaghan and daughter, Mrs. Roger, Miss Dunn, the Misses Stingle, Wilbur and Elmer Lindsey and wives, Hugh Ervin and family.

Daniel and Robert Moore and John Woodall left Sunday evening for Chicago where they attended the fat stock show. These men, having large farming and stock raising interests, could appreciate the exhibition.

Mrs. Roger is very ill of pneumonia at the home of her daughter Mrs Henry Lindsey. Bessie Hall is also on the sick list.

Mr. Chapman continues very sick.

GAS CAUSES EXPLOSION

Mt. Auburn Building Owned By Geo. Kraft Blown Up.

THE LOSS IS $30,000

Mt. Auburn, Ill., Dec. 19.—Owing to a gas leak in the cellar, a saloon owned by George Kraft of Decatur, was partialy wrecked Monday evening. The building was a one-story brick and was completely demolished. The entire rear end and one side were blown out. The damage amounts to about $3,000.

Several of the people present in the saloon were injured. Among others, the bartender, Charles Squires, was severely burned and may lose his eyesight. James and Oliver Chick were each hit by flying bricks and stunned. Another man became frightened and plunged through a plate glass window and injured himself slightly.

SURPRISE C. H. JENNINGS.

Well Known Boody Citizen Remembered on 73rd Birthday.

Special to The Herald.

Boody, Dec. 19.—A complete surprise was given on C. H. Jennings today at his home one mile north of Boody in honor of his 73rd birthday. About 11 o'clock Mr. Jennings was unexpectedly called to the door to be greeted by the following company with well filled baskets:

W. E. Davis and family, Mes Chapman and family, Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Berge, John Burke, Mrs. R. A. Thornell, John Staab, R. D. Huddleson, Mrs. Sallie Mathews, and family, Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Hopkins, Charles Musch, John Kraft, Ira Warnick, and family, Mrs. O. H. Jennings, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Chandler, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. J. Kisch, of Boody, Ill., George Jennings of Patoka, Ill., W. S. Chandler and wife, Mrs. Etta Downing, Mrs. Hulda Conkling, of Decatur, Mrs. Fred Myers, Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Falconer of Blue Mound, Ill.

Dinner was served at 12 o'clock. The afternoon was spent in talking about the days gone by. All returned home at 4 o'clock wishing Mr. Jennings many more pleasant birthdays.

BIRTHS.

Jones—Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Jones, 854 North Mercer street, December 17, a daughter.

PRESENT PLAN OF MISSIONARIES

Millikin University Asked to Send Delegates to Meeting at Nashville.

WORK ON MILLI-DEK

Students Will Issue An Annual Next Year.

W. A. Tanner of Iowa, who is one of the five national traveling secretaries of the student foreign missionary movement in the United States, was at the university yesterday and addressed the two Christian associations on the foreign missionary movement.

Mr. Tanner made an address at the regular chapel hour, and later spoke to the cabinets of the two associations. At 4:30 he spoke before the missionary societies of the school. The principal object of the coming of Mr. Tanner is to get the university to send delegates to the national foreign missionary convention to be held at Nashville, Tenn., February 28 to March 4. The two associations at the university passed a resolution to send at least seven delegates. An effort will be made to send more. A committee, of which Horace McDavidd was made chairman, was appointed to make arrangements for sending the representatives and for arranging for the expenses of the trip.

The convention will be a great event and will be the fifth annual one held. Practically every college and university of any size in the United States will have representatives there. This will be the first time that Millikin university has been represented at the convention.

Work on the Milli-Dek, the new annual to be issued this year by the Senior class of the university, is now beginning to assume shape. The dummy for the book has been made out and will be sent at once to several different publishers and engraving houses throughout the country to get their terms on the work of issuing the book. All the different editors have been chosen, as well as most of the reporters from the different class and student organizations. The plan is to have 32 pages of advertisements. The entire book will consist of 200 pages. A large part of the annual will be devoted to illustrations. Professor Varnum, of the art department, will be the art critic. Several pupils from the art department will enter the contest for making the illustrations and cuts that will be used.

The board of managers of the Athletic association will this evening give a supper in honor of the varsity foot ball team. The men who have won "M's" this season, which will include thirteen men, have been invited. The supper will be served in Mrs. Shaw's dining room in the university basement. The supper will begin at 8 o'clock.

The infant son of Dr. James B. Shaw, head of the department of mathematics in the university, is critically ill. The trouble is the result of an abscess on the chin.

C. W. Hoggatt, an assistant in the department of commerce and finance, has gone to Sullivan to attend the funeral of his grandfather, who was killed in the accident at the mill there Monday.

Miss Jessie Ferguson has returned from Martensville where she went to attend the funeral of her father, the late Dr. W. F. Ferguson, formerly the financial agent of the university. She has not yet decided whether she will continue her studies in the university.

Rev. R. W. Gammon, the new pastor of the Congregational church in this city, was a caller at the university yesterday afternoon.

MR. BROWN ON BIRDS

Naturalist Entertains and Instructs the School Children.

FEATHERED FRIENDS

Isaac W. Brown, the naturalist, who is employed by Miss Helen Gould to travel about the country and talk to the people about birds and insects, spoke yesterday morning to the first and second year students in the high school, and to the children in the Gastman school.

Mr. Brown impressed his hearers as being a man of great ability. Most of his knowledge has been gained from actual experience. At the high school he spoke in the main about the quail and the purple martin. He related how the eggs are hatched, and how the young are reared. In speaking of the marten Mr. Brown said: "This bird was created as a domestic bird. In a sense it is a dependent, and it is necessary that a box should be put out for its use. This box should be about twelve feet from the ground. They raise their young and feed them almost entirely from mosquitoes, eating over 500,000 each day."

At the E. A. Gastman school Mr. Brown related how apple trees are ruined. He said that the Baltimore oriole was sent to eat the insects that destroy the trees. There are four birds that are essential to the well-kept orchard. They are the oriole, bluebird, chick-a-dee, and cat bird.

The closest of attention was given to everything that Mr. Brown said in his talk. All the children were truly sorry when he left. After the holidays he expects to travel in the south.

MARRIED.

Redding-Williams.

Frank Redding of Dawson and Miss Sallie Williams of this city were united in marriage yesterday by Justice O'Mara.

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The writers of popular comic songs certainly have a fine field for work with the insurance and graft investigation as a basis to work on. The "divine afflatus" would, of course, have to emanate elsewhere.

Senator Cullom having recovered his health and ex-Governor Yates preparing to open the battle in Hardin, Calhoun county, the chances are that the senatorial campaign is about ready to move out into the open.

The refusal of the minority in the national house of representatives to accept the offer of a janitor at $60 per month by the majority may be taken to mean that the minority cannot be bought and refuses to compromise its right to object.

A bank teller in New York has been arrested for stealing two five dollar gold pieces. He will probably be railroaded to the penitentiary without fighting even at the high spots of defense. When he gets there and has time to think he will regret that he did not steal a million.

Carnegie has refused to contribute anything toward enlarging the public library at Princeton on the grounds that a town of that size with a fund amounting to $15,000, including a library building from a generous donor, is not in need of any further assistance from the outside. Princeton's only show now appears to be a vote on the best looking princess.

Cedar Falls, Ia., proposes to quit expectorating on the side walks. The ordinance makes it a misdemeanor punishable by fine or imprisonment. Presumably the offender who spits a little is fined, and the offender who squirts out enough to drown the pedestrian will be sent to prison.

The negroes of Danville attempted to organize a mob for the purpose of taking a negro, who had committed a cold blooded murder, from the jail and lynch him, but they were unable to devise a satisfactory scheme to get around Sheriff Whitlock, who recently demonstrated to a Danville mob that no mob could storm the jail while he was sheriff.

The saloon keepers of East St. Louis are making a proposition to give the city $150,000 a year for a monopoly of the business, promising to reduce the number of saloons from 310 to 100, but they also want a repeal of the ordinance prohibiting the maintenance of saloons in any block except with the written consent of the property owners. This is a modification of the Los Angeles plan, by which a corporation not necessarily saloon keepers proposes to run the saloon business.

CHICAGO BANK FAILURES.

There is nothing alarming in the failure of the three Chicago banks—the Chicago National, the Home Savings' bank and the Equitable Trust company—announced a few days ago. They were all practically under one management and all involved by the same investments, which were loans made to their president, John R. Walsh, to aid him in the development of his large railway and quarry interests, very valuable property. The failures have caused hardly a ripple in Chicago business and financial circles, and hence no alarm is felt in that city. The Clearing House association, representing the immense consolidated wealth of the Chicago banks, has assumed all responsibility and issued the following announcement:

"Depositors of the Chicago National bank, the Home Savings bank and the Equitable Trust company are respectfully advised that the deposits will be paid in full upon demand."

This prompt action of the Clearing House association is assurance to the public that the situation is hopeful and that nobody will lose a dollar by the failures. The liabilities of the three institutions are placed at $26,000,000 and their assets $23,000,000, which leaves a deficit of $3,000,000, which the other city banks promptly met, and thus cleared the situation.

A statement made later in the day by Comptroller of the Currency Ridgely says the Chicago National is still open and doing business backed by the Clearing house banks, and will meet every obligation. Depositors, however, are withdrawing their deposits as rapidly as they can reach the counter, which shows how little people are inclined to heed any assurance given after the solvency of a bank has been seriously questioned.

ANOTHER COAL STRIKE.

President's anthracite strike commission, which settled the great coal strike of 1902, refused to grant the 8-hour day and the principle of the closed shop.

The latter is one of the fundamentals of unionism and until the miners have secured recognition of their union by the operators, which is equivalent to saying when they have secured the closed shop they will have something to fight for.

At the tri-district convention of mine workers held last week in Shamokin, Pa., the purpose of the United Mine Workers, which now numbers 100,000 of the 110,000 miners employed in the coal fields, the miners announced their purpose to demand recognition of the union by the operators in the contract agreement proposed to succeed the award of the strike commission which expires by limitation on April 1 next.

Inasmuch as the operators have emphatically declared that they will not recede from their determination to refuse recognition of the union, and the latter's demand for an 8-hour day, the opinion that there will be another great strike seems not without warrant.

But the strike certainly will not be entered upon until the federal government has exhausted its best efforts to bring the opposing parties to agreement. The relations between the operators and miners have been more pleasant during the last three years than at any other time in their history. The action of the strike commission in creating a board of conciliation, with power to settle all differences arising between employer and employe was most judicious. This board comprises four members, two selected by the operators and two by the miners. When they have been unable to agree, the matter in dispute has been decided by the umpire, Carrol D. Wright. It might reasonably be expected that this board would divide on every question but this is far from the actual result of its labors. In the two years of its existence 141 grievances have been referred to it for settlement—10 by the operators and 131 by the miners. Twenty-eight grievances were not sustained and 74 were withdrawn after being entered. Of the remainder nineteen were sustained, three partially sustained, eleven mutually settled, and three compromised. Thirty-one cases are yet pending. Three of the operators' complaints were decided in their favor, and the others were amicably settled, withdrawn or ruled out of the jurisdiction of the board. The most important question which was passed up to the referee for decision, concerning the right of discharge. The umpire held that the employer has the right to discharge whomsoever he pleased without statement of his reason just as an employe has a right to resign without stating his reason. However, the umpire counseled the operators to give notice of discharge, and likewise urged employes to give notice of their intention to resign.

SHOWING UP WELLMAN.

Cedar Rapids Republican: Walter Wellman puts into the mouth of some nameless individual the following statement relative to republican prospects:

"I believe I can see about what is going to happen to the republicans. We will fool along on the rate question, permit the railroads and the senators who are in the combination with them to force President Roosevelt into a compromise on the railroad rate bill, do nothing on the tariff, fail to do anything effective with the insurance question, and next fall the people will rise up and shove us out of the house, much as they repudiated the McKinley law in 1890. And then, when it is too late, when the horse is gone, and the democratic donkey is in his place in the capitol barn, President Roosevelt and all the other republican leaders will get a move on themselves and exclaim with one accord: "For heaven's sake let's revise the tariff before the next presidential campaign."

Perhaps somebody other than Mr. Wellman did say this, but the voice is the voice of Walter.

Speaking of 1890, this same marplot Wellman ought to remember that, in that year he was engaged in the very business that he is now engaged in. He was assailing the protective tariff of that period just as he is assailing the Dingley bill today. The McKinley bill was in process of construction during the summer of 1890, and it was the business of Mr. Wellman and others of his ilk to misrepresent that measure. Among other things that they used to do was to print lists of articles in common use, giving the prices of the same in one column and in another the higher prices which would certainly prevail after the McKinley law had gone into effect. The writer remembers to have heard a democratic orator in that day—he came upon the platform to make his speech with a huge pack such as peddlers carry, and after he got warmed up to his nefarious work, he began pulling articles of wearing apparel out of that pack—socks, under-garments, trousers, shoes, and even neckties and collars and cuffs, and as he drew these articles out one at a time, he would hold them up and say, for example, "These socks cost fifteen cents today but under the iniquitous McKinley law they will cost twenty-five cents a pair" and so on.

The McKinley bill had placed a duty on tin plate, a duty which has since been the means of establishing a great industry in this country employing thousands of men, without raising the price of tin to the consumer at all. But it was denounced as the sum of all villainy in 1890. Democratic campaign committees hired men to go around peddling tin cups and pans and dippers and other articles made of tin, and these peddlers would drive up to a farm house and without asking by your leave of the housewife, would begin the exhibit and price their wares. The prices named were double what the goods were worth in the market. And before the alleged peddler had proceeded very far, he would be informed that he was asking outrageous prices for his cups, pans and dippers, and then he would say, "Oh, but those low prices were before the McKinley law was enacted. That law has doubled the price of all sorts of tin ware, and if you are to ever get back the old prices of tin you will have to get your husband to vote for somebody who will repeal that law."

Oh yes, the people turned out the republicans in 1890, defeated McKinley for re-election, and they did the same thing in 1892. They were deceived and led astray in those years by just such fellows as Wellman and by the methods outlined above. The country was wonderfully prosperous then, just as it is now. But the people were led to believe that they could keep their own prosperity and destroy that of their neighbors. Pretty nearly everybody remembers what the result of that illusion was. We went from the high plane of our prosperity to the very depths of industrial depression and desolation. And soon the very people who had been heaping curses on the head of McKinley, because they believed the misrepresentations of the law which bore his name, awaited with desperate impatience the hour when they could make him president and get back a prosperity-producing protective tariff.

Mr. Wellman will find in 1906 that the people still remember 1890 and 1892. The democratic free trade donkey will not be in the white house stables until a generation which has not tasted the bitterness of the fruit from the free trade tree has come upon the scene of action.

HON. WALTER REEVES' VIEWS.

Former Congressman Walter Reeves, of Streator, who is well and favorably known among the republicans of Decatur and Macon county, recently gave our for publication his view of the senatorial situation in this state. His statement follows:

There is no political unrest in the country. A high measure of prosperity has stimulated the selfish appetite and it is manifesting itself in that species of dishonesty commonly called "graft." The people are aroused and are smiting this evil unrelentingly wherever it appears. That sentiment of the people is the salvation of the republic. The same sentiment that punishes evil will reward virtue. These punishments and rewards must go hand in hand. It was my fortune as a member of congres for eight years, to have the opportunity to come into close contact with the every-day life acts and doings of numerous senators and members of congress. Many matters of special importance to Illinois and others of more general importance to the nation at large originating in the House of Representatives, and with which I became somewhat identified in a legislative way, passed in house and went to the senate. Always in these matters I took them to Senator Cullom for his attention and consideration in the senate. Without a single exception he took charge of these matters and handled them successfully in the senate, notwithstanding the multiplicity of other matters and things with which he was burdened. His long service in the senate has made him a past master in the intricacies of congressional legislation and has enabled him to become a member of several of the most important committees in the senate, and finally placed him as chairman of the committee of foreign affairs, which is conceded to be the most exalted position of the senate. His influence in the senate is most commanding. Few, if any, in the senate, have so large a measure of confidence, esteem and influence as he. None question his integrity. He may safely defy criticism. He has not profited by his exalted position, except in the meed of praise, honor and admiration, so freely and generously bestowed upon him, not alone by the people of Illinois, but by the people of our whole country. Will Illinois turn him out? Or will Illinois treat him as Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Alabama, Iowa and other states treat their distinguished senators by keeping him at his post of duty while health and strength last?

Illinois has many sons capable of successfully grappling with any duty, however onerous, but none so well fitted by experience as Senator Cullom. I believe it to be the patriotic duty of every republican in Illinois to forego his personal ambitions and let Senator Cullom have the unanimous re-election to the senate, which his honesty, his ability, his experience and long service so completely entitle him to.

Walter Reeves.

Judge Farmer, of Vandalia, appears to have about the right notion as to what punishment should be meted out to those who carry concealed weapons. He says the punishment should be a fine of $5000 and a term in the penitentiary. This declaration of a circuit judge may appear extravagant but the facts are that nearly all those who carry concealed weapons are either criminals or criminally inclined or cowards and a concealed weapon is about as dangerous in the hands of a coward as in the hands of a criminal.

Democratic papers are all the while telling us that tariff trouble is brewing. Perhaps this is so but the country can rest assured that if it culminates in a democratic victory as it did in 1892 the democrats will have all of the trouble after the people have tried the democratic tariff.

A man in Kentucky took a large drink of whiskey to break up a cold. The whiskey refused to act on the cold, but as it had been employed to break up something, it let loose on a dance and broke that up in about two minutes.

The failure of the John R. Walsh banks in Chicago should not cause the least suspicion of banks in general. He did not follow legitimate banking but used the deposits in wild speculation or questionable securities. The end of all such banking is inevitable. Legitimate banking was never more secure than at the present time.

Hon. W. B. McKinley will return to his home within a few days to remain during the holidays. While here he will deliver his lecture on his trip to the Orient at several places. It would be just like him to add an appendix on what he saw in congress and at the departments he visited in the interests of his constituents.

Santa Claus is doing his best to reach everybody in Decatur this time. Kind hearted people can help him by contributing presents or money to purchase them through the channels open for that purpose. The Herald enterprise is one.

The Wabash consolidated shops and the Decatur public building are in about the same condition of "innocuous desuetude." In both instances however we have the extreme pleasure of viewing the sites.

It is announced that Speaker Cannon has declared that no public building bills can pass this session which can be taken to mean that the public building in Danville is not in need of an addition.

The growth of Decatur in the last five years has been remarkable but proportionately our neighbor Clinton has had a greater growth.

BUDGET OF CAPITOL NEWS.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Commerce between the United States and the Philippine islands seems likely to aggregate about $20,000,000 in the year which ends with the present month. With only ten months' figures available, they so much exceed those of any earlier year as to justify the belief that the total will reach about $20,00,000, against about $15,000,000 in 1904, $10,000,000 in 1900, $4,000,050 in 1898 and a little over $4,000,000,000 in 1897, in the year prior to American occupation.

Thus it seems likely that our trade with the islands in the year about to end will be nearly four times as great as in the last year of Spanish control and approximately four times as great as the average during the several years prior to American occupation. Prior to the year 1899 exports from the United States to the Philippine islands had never exceeded $250,000. In the present year they will aggregate nearly $6,000,000, or certainly twenty times as much as in any year before American occupation. Imports from the islands, which ranged between $1,000,000 and $5,000,000 per annum prior to 1899, were in 1902 $10,000,000, in 1903 $12,500,000, and in 1905 will be about $14,000,000, or about three times as much as the average prior to American occupation.

This increase in trade with the islands is distributed through a large number of articles, especially in the case of exports, which have grown from $69,459 in 1897, the year before American occupation, to about $6,000,000 in 1905. A statement just issued by the department of commerce and labor through its bureau of statistics shows the total trade with the islands in each calendar year from 1895 to 1904 and ten months of the calendar year 1905. It also shows the principal articles exported to and imported from the islands in the ten months ending with October, 1905, and compares them with the figures of the corresponding months of 1904.

This statement of exports to the islands includes hundreds of articles—agricultural implements, books and maps and engravings, breadstuffs, cars and carriages, manufactures of cotton, fruits and nuts, hay, instruments and apparatus for scientific purposes, manufactures of iron and steel, manufactures of leather, mineral oil, meats, canned vegetables, canned milk, wines and spirits, manufactures of wood and many other articles.

The imports from the Philippines, while they have grown from $4,352,181 in 1897, the year prior to American occupation, to $12,652,262 in the ten months of the present year, and seems likely to approximate $14,000,000 in the full year, or three times as much as in 1897, are confined to comparatively few articles and up to this time are chiefly hemp and sugar. The value of hemp imported from the islands in the ten months ending with October was $10,376,528, or an average of more than $1,000,000 a month, and that of sugar $2,216,249. The other articles imported from the Philippines are up to this time extremely few and of little value, the next largest after sugar being straw hats and bonnets, $14,796; vegetable oils, $6,217; fruits and nuts, $5,824; manufactures of fibers, $1,703, manufactures of silk, $2,156, while unmanufactured tobacco imported during the ten months was but $6 in value, and cigars, cheroots and cigarettes but $1,795.

While there has been a marked growth in the importations of hemp from the Philippine islands the growth in the other important article thus far imported from the Philippines, sugar, has not been strongly marked. The importations of manila hemp have grown from $3,500,000 value in 1897 to $10,000,000 for the ten months of 1905 and will probably reach fully $12,000,000 in the full year. Present indications seem to justify the prediction that the value of the sugar brought into the country during the year ending with the present month will be about $160,000,000 and of that the Philippines supply a little over $2,000,000 worth.

The table which follows shows the value of the imports from and exports to the Philippine islands in each of the calendar years from 1895 to 1904 and in the ten months of the calendar year 1905:

	Imports.	Exports.
1895	$ 4,120,134	$ 140,455
1896	5,187,241	174,287
1897	4,352,181	69,459
1898	4,099,525	147,846
1899	4,903,467	1,663,213
1900	6,095,549	2,523,146
1901	3,737,071	4,175,287
1902	10,211,303	4,736,836
1903	12,489,500	4,806,742
1904	10,325,251	5,040,579
1905 (10 months)..	12,652,262	4,860,252

O'BRIEN WON IN THE 13TH

Youth Against Old Age Tells the Story of the Fight.

VICTOR OF MANY BATTLES

Unable to Stand the Assault of the Philadelphia Lad.

San Francisco, Dec. 20.—When Robert Fitzsimmons and "Philadelphia" Jack O'Brien entered the ring at Mechanic's pavilion to battle for the light-heavy weight honors O'Brien was the favorite in betting 10 to 8. Fitzsimmons had been the favorite until five o'clock this afternoon when the odds were even. O'Brien money came in such quantities that when the battle opened he was a decided favorite.

The men fought at catch weights. O'Brien's weight was given at 165, Fitzsimmons, 158. In the first round no more than four blows were exchanged, O'Brien contenting himself with dancing about with Fitzsimmons following, but seldom attempting to land.

Second.—In the second Fitzsimmons crouched low and after O'Brien had missed a left for the face he whipped his left and right to the face and Fitzsimmons partially landed a straight left and right to the face and body. Fitzsimmons drove O'Brien into a corner and cleverly ducked a hard left to the jaw. In the break that followed Bob got in a light uppercut to the jaw. O'Brien suddenly shot his left to the jaw, and, catching Fitz off his balance, drove a right and left to the face, and then clinched.

O'Brien was very quick Fitz missing him a foot at times. Bob shoved his right to the face and Jack countered with a short arm jab as the bell rang.

Third.—As Jack backed away, Fitzsimmons caught him with a hard left on the jaw and a moment later shot a left to the face. Fitz drove a left hard to the solar plexus, and in mixing it, worked a left to the face. Just as the bell rang Jack shot a straight left on Bob's nose and sent him to the floor.

Fourth.—O'Brien forced Fitz nearly through the ropes with a rush and Fitz fell on his left knee. He was up quickly and put a stiff left over O'Brien's eye. O'Brien drew blood from Fitzsimmon's mouth and nose.

Bob's Sore Face.

Fifth.—O'Brien planted a left to Bob's sore face and a moment later drove two more lefts to the same place. Jack pegged away with the left and Bob again bled profusely from the mouth and nose. Finally Fitz caught O'Brien over the mouth, bringing blood. O'Brien put in two lefts but Fitz countered with a hard right and left to the jaw.

Sixth.—Fitzsimmons met O'Brien with a crashing left as the latter led, but the blow was partly blocked. Fitz received two straight left jabs on the face and after missing a right and left for the jaw landed a right swing on the ear.

Seventh.—O'Brien planted a right over the kidneys and quick as a flash worked right and left swings to the jaw. Fitz went after O'Brien, sending a left to the face and a stiff right uppercut to the body. Fitz put a left to O'Brien's face, following it with a right swing to the body, but O'Brien countered with two wicked right smashes to the face, one of which raised a big lump over Bob's right eye.

Round 8—O'Brien drove straight to the face. Fitz worked a left to the jaw twice, and Jack was cautioned for holding. Jack ripped a nasty left over the eye and a moment later floored Bob with a stiff right to the jaw. Bob came up apparently groggy. O'Brien drove a left to the body and forced his man again to the ropes with two hard lefts. Jack then drove a left to the body, forcing Fitz again to the ropes. Then he sent two hard lefts to the face. As the round ended Fitz went to his corner rather unsteady.

Lifts Him Off His Feet.

Round 9—Fitz's face presented a bloody sight. Jack, after blocking a terrific right to the jaw, followed with two wicked uppercuts, and as the bell rang nearly raised Fitz off the floor with a right hook to the jaw.

Round 10—Jack met Fitz with a straight jab to the face, but Bob retaliated with a powerful right over the heart and swung a left to the face. Jack shot two lefts to the face as Fitz missed a right swing, and quickly jabbed a left over the mouth. Suddenly Fitz hooked a right with great force over the heart, forcing Jack to clinch.

Round 11—Fitz in a mixup drove O'Brien to the ropes with a terrific right. O'Brien landed two uppercuts. Fitz complained to the referee that O'Brien was hitting low. Bob forced Jack to the ropes. Fitz chased his man around the ring, landing a straight left to the face.

Round 12—After Bob had forced Jack into a neutral corner O'Brien electrified the crowd with some fine work, during which he shot three hard lefts to Fitzsimmons' face and blocked

The End of Fitz.

Round 13—In a mixup Fitz suddenly drove a fearful right to the body and a terrific hook to the face. Jack, however, retaliated with a hard left uppercut to the jaw. Bob planted a hard left to the body and they mixed, both landing right and left blows over the heart.

As Fitzsimmons went to his corner he suddenly collapsed, falling to the floor. Blood flowed from the mouth and nose and it was seen that he was badly hurt. A doctor was hastily summoned. Bob was able to rise unassisted shortly afterward and left the ring. It appeared he was seized with a sudden fainting fit and hemorrhage as his seconds were working over him and conditioning him for the next round. There was nothing to indicate Fitz was in distress when he took his seat after the thirteenth round had expired. When Referee Graney saw Bob's condition he immediately awarded the contest to O'Brien.

IT WAS CASE OF COLLAPSE

Old Man Is All in and Says It's His Last Fight.

San Francisco, Dec. 20.—At the end of the thirteenth round tonight Bob Fitzsimmons collapsed and Referee Graney awarded the fight to Jack O'Brien. When the gong rang for the close of the thirteenth round Fitzsimmons walked to his corner and sat down. He told Graney that O'Brien hit him in the stomach, and as he made the statement his head sank, and the referee announced his decision and Fitzsimmons slipped to the floor and lay prostrate in the ring. A doctor was called and Fitz revived, but the fight was over and with the assistance of his seconds he left the ring. He announced that he had done his best and that it was his last fight.

THIEF SEEKS WARMTH TO STEAL

Not a Coal Shoveler as Supposed, and Threatens Life.

Beaver, Pa., Dec. 20.—A robber attempted to ransack two residences last night, was seen at both places, and was grappled with by the owner of one house, but escaped without the police having any clew to his identity.

At the residence of Christian Heite two men were unloading a wagon of coal when the burglar knocked on the back door and asked Mrs. Heite to let him warm himself. She thought he was one of the men with the coal wagon and let him in. She later noticed that he had left the kitchen and she thought he had left the house. When her husband returned from work the robber was coming down stairs. The men grappled and the burglar drew a revolver. He threatened to blow Heite's head off, and the latter let him go.

Later in the night a robbery was attempted at the home of C. C. Denny, in Vanport, two miles away. Mrs. Denney was awakened by a man in the bedroom. She aroused her husband, who gave chase, but the burglar escaped through the back door. The descriptions of the burglars at the two houses tally.

MARRIED AT SIDNEY

Nuptials of Walter E. Dixon and Miss Flora Cottrell Wednesday.

WILL RESIDE HERE.

Walter E. Dixon, of Decatur, and Miss Flora Cottrell of Sidney were married yesterday afternoon at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. D. R. Cottrell, of Sidney. Mr. Dixon is associated with Paul Malle in the tailoring business, and Mrs. Dixon is a milliner and has worked in this city. Rev. Cunningham of the Methodist church of Sidney performed the ceremony, which was very quiet, only the immediate family and a few intimate friends being present. The bride wore a brown tailor made traveling gown with hat to match. The decorations were evergreens and a large arch of smilax was formed in the corner of the parlor. Carnations were profusely used, a pulpit being made of them. Mr. and Mrs. Dixon left for Decatur at 2 o'clock and will make their home at 1263 North Water street, at the home of the groom's parents, and in the spring they will start housekeeping. A reception will be given them by Mr. Dixon's parents tonight. Mrs. Dixon was long at Bradley Bros.' and afterwards head of Mrs. Barnett's millinery parlor. She has lately been head of the millinery department of Cole Bros. in Sidney. Mr. Dixon, who was in the tailoring business in Lovington, came to this city to open a shop, but went into business with Paul Malle of North Main street instead.

THE CROPS OF 1905

Final Figures Reach the National Bureau of Statistics.

GREAT CORN YIELD.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The final returns to the bureau of statistics, department of agriculture, according to a bulletin issued today show an acreage and production of principal farm crops to have been:

Crops	Acreage	Product, bu.
Corn	94,011,369	2,707,993,540
Winter wheat	29,864,018	428,462,834
Spring wheat	17,990,061	264,516,655
Oats	28,046,746	953,216,177
Barley	5,095,528	136,651,020
Rye	1,662,508	27,616,045
Buckwheat	760,188	14,585,082
Flax seed	2,534,836	28,477,753
Potatoes	2,996,757	260,741,294
Crop	Acreage	Tons
Hay	39,361,960	60,531,611
Crop	Acreage	Pounds
Tobacco	776,112	633,033,719

Average weight per bushel is shown by reports received by the bureau to be 56.3 pounds for spring wheat, 58.3 pounds for winter wheat, and 32.7 pounds for oats.

DISMISSED MIDDIES MAY GET BACK

Moody's Ruling May Reach Some Already Let Out.

Annapolis, Md., Dec. 20.—In view of the decision of Attorney General Moody that a midshipman cannot be dismissed from the academy by the secretary of the navy on recommendation of the superintendent, there is discussion here as to whether several midshipmen dismissed during the past few years cannot by legal action compel their restoration to the service.

The court martial in the case of Midshipman Trenmor Coffin Jr., and Warren A. Vanderver for alleged connection with the hazing of Jerdone P. Kimbrough will begin shortly after Christmas.

CONFIRMATIONS.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Alfred M. Gottschalk, consul general at Mexico.

Samuel S. Barney, Wisconsin, judge of court of claims.

Charles B. Morrison, district attorney northern district of Illinois.

William P. Warner, marshall, district of Nebraska.

Postmasters:

George L. Robb, Athia, Iowa, Albert H. Stiles, Sioux Falls, S. D.

VETERAN POSTAL CLERK.

Frederick Stief of East St. Louis, who has been in the railway mail service for over thirty years, was in the city yesterday on his way to Chicago to take the annual examination given to postal clerks. Mr. Stief works on the Wabash railroad.

DEATH OF C. A. BARNES

Former Decatur Man Passes Away at Presbyterian Hospital, Chicago.

SON OF J. A. BARNES.

News was received yesterday morning of the death of Charles E. Barnes at 5 a. m. in the Presbyterian hospital in Chicago, and it came as a great shock to his numerous Decatur friends.

The deceased has been sick some while with heart disease, and has been in the hospital about two months. He was 34 years old, and his sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Eliot, were with him when he died. His mother, Mrs. Louisa Barnes, is on her way from Germany and was expected to arrive in Chicago yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

He was born in Decatur and left here about twelve years ago to take his father's office as United States consul at Cologne, Germany. For several years he was associated with his father in the insurance business in Chicago. The funeral will be held in Decatur, probably Friday.

His father, the late John A. Barnes, died during his term of office as consul to Chemnitz.

WOULD SHUT OFF RECIPROCITY

Representative Needham Says Cuba Gives Us Nothing.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Representative Needham of California introduced a bill today providing for the repeal of Cuban reciprocity treaty and authorizing the president to proclaim the repeal is that Cuba makes extensive purchases in Europe and gives Americans nothing in return for the reduction in tariff.

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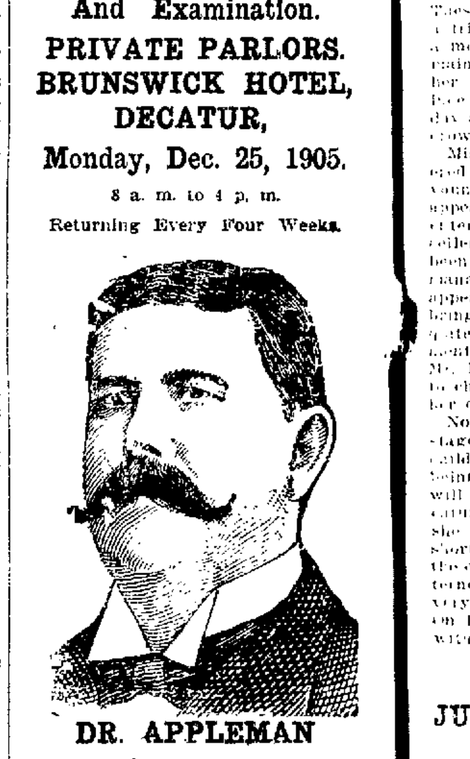

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Friday, December

GOES WITH BUSTER B

Miss Maud Canad Embark On Thea Life.

APPEARS FIRST

Has Shown For So Penchant for the

Miss Maud Canaday will ... far next Tuesday morning ... ny of the Buster Brown co ... has not signed a contract ... do so this week.

The manager of the co ... Davidson, who is spending ... the city, has heard consi ... cerning Miss Maud's ability

MAUDE CANADA

called upon her with a view ... her services. After a talk ... Tuesday evening she conse ... a trial, which means that ... a member of the company ... mainder of the season. Sh ... her first appearance at bo ... face and night performance ... day and doubtless there wi ... crowd of her friends out to

Miss Canaday has long ... ered one of Decatur's mos ... young aspirants for the st ... appeared a number of tim ... entertainments and has m ... cellent impression each tim ... been approached a number ... managers of different show ... appeared in Decatur, but ... bring herself to believe th ... quite ready for the stage. ... ment and encouragement ... Mr. Davidson, however, wa ... to change her mind and sh ... her debut next Monday afte

Now that she has decided ... stage work she will also ... childhood name, Maud Tiffa ... being the name of her step ... will always remain Canaday ... catur friends, however, an ... she is not on the stag ... short rehearsal with other ... the company yesterday mor ... ternoon and the stage ma ... very highly of her ability a ... on Friday afternoon she w ... with the full company.

JUNTGEN CASE PROCE

Opening Statements Made ... cution Introduces Ev

Paris, Dec. 20.—The stat ... evidence in the Juntgen ... ing case today.

Among those who te ... Cashier Robert H. Kile, ... rence Clark, vice presiden ... A. Link and Walter Ghor ... Link saw a man runnin ... bank after the explosion ... not identify Juntgen as

District Attorney W. ... worked a sharp ruse on ... in regard to the attachm ... tempt, by having a writ ... issued, transferring the ... the federal court. Deput ... E. Watts arrived in the ... evening and served the ... leaves the local court no ... to transfer the case. The ... torney thus circumvents ... proceedings and retains ... the bank records, which ... the basis for a federal ... should a conviction not ... here.

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GOES WITH BUSTER BROWN

Miss Maud Canaday Will Embark On Theatrical Life.

APPEARS FIRST HERE.

Has Shown For Some Time Penchant for the Stage.

... Canaday will leave Decatur ... morning as a member of the Buster Brown company. She ... a contract yet but will ...

... of the company, Mr. ... is spending this week in ... and considerable con... Miss M...'s ability, and at once

MAUDE CANADAY.

... her with a view to securing ... After a talk with her on ... evening she consented to make ... which means that she will be ... of the company for the rest ... of the season. She will make ... appearance at both the matinee ... performances next Monday ... there will be a large ... friends out to see her.

... Canaday has long been considered ... one of Decatur's most promising ... aspirants for the stage having ... a number of times in local ... and has made an ... impression each time. She has ... approached a number of times by ... of different shows that have ... in Decatur, but could not ... to believe that she was ... ready for the stage. The inducements ... and encouragement offered by ... Davidson, however, was sufficient ... change her mind and she will take ... her first Monday afternoon.

... that she has declined to take up ... work she will also take up her ... real name, Maud Tiffany, Canaday ... the name of her step father. ... always remain Canaday to her Decatur ... friends, however, and also when ... not on the stage. She had a ... rehearsal with other members of ... company yesterday morning and afternoon ... and the stage manager spoke ... highly of her ability and aptitude ... this afternoon she will ... the ... company.

JUNTGEN CASE PROCEEDINGS

Opening Statements Made and Prosecution Introduces Evidence.

... Dec. 20.—The state introduced ... in the Juntgen bank wrecking ... today.

... those who testified were Robert H. Kile, Colonel Ter... ... vice president, Mrs John ... and Walter Gaormley. Mrs. ... a man running from the ... the explosion. She did ... identify Juntgen as the man.

... Attorney W. T. Trautman ... sharp rise on Judge Craig. ... to the attachment for con... by having a writ of certiorari ... transferring the hearing to ... court. Deputy Marshal E. ... arrived in the city Monday ... and served the writ, which ... local court no option, but ... the case. The district at... ... circumvents the contempt ... and retains possession of ... records, which will be made ... for a federal court action ... conviction not be secured

ELKS ARE ABOUT READY

Complete Preparations For Big Dinner to Children on Wednesday.

THE LADIES WILL AID.

The Elks have practically completed all arrangements for their big dinner to the children of Decatur next Wednesday. It will be one of the most elaborate spreads ever served to this class and doubtless several hundred of the children will enjoy it. The committee on general arrangements met at the club rooms last Sunday afternoon and appointed their sub-committees. These consisted of ladies whose husbands or brothers belong to the lodge and they will attend to all preliminaries and the serving. They will meet tomorrow afternoon at the club rooms for the purpose of preparing the candy in sacks to be distributed to the children as favors. On Wednesday morning there will be other ladies, making about forty in all, at the club rooms getting things in readiness and they will also attend to the carving, serving and waiting on tables.

The ladies on this committee are Mesdames R O Rosen, J. W Osgood, W. P Shade, F Shlaudeman, C J Van Deventer, J C Lee, J. B Freeman, Oscar F. Spaulding, B A McGorray, J. G Bixby, L. W Fulburg, W J Grady, J J Finn, Leo Heilbrun, Chas Dawson, Phillip Mueller, Thomas Pitner, C H Pierce, W C Black, Mrs. Harry and the Misses Grubel and Henrietta Metz

COURSE FOR MILKMEN

University of Illinois Plans Meeting to Begin In February.

LASTS FOUR WEEKS.

Urbana, Ill Dec. 20.—The University of Illinois has planned a special course on milk supply, which will begin Feb. 5, 1906, and continue four weeks. The instruction will consist of lectures and practical work combined. Proper methods of producing and handling milk will be discussed in the classroom, and will be illustrated by the college dairy herd and in the laboratory.

It is expected a large number of men engaged in the Chicago city milk trade will spend these weeks at the university, and thus come in touch with the best sanitary methods for producing pure milk.

The university has a dairy herd that is kept in sanitary barns and the milk produced is put up in the most approved method and sold to the citizens of Champaign and Urbana. The dairy laboratory will contain the latest machines for bottling milk and for cleaning and sterilizing the bottles, etc.

Most of the instructions will be given by J. M. Trueman, who came to this state last spring from the dairy department of Cornell university and who has just finished a study of the milk supply of Chicago.

Alleged Embezzler Held to Jury.

Dixon Ill., Dec. 20.—C K. Northrup, the Ashton (Ill.) postmaster charged with embezzling $700 of the postoffice funds, was arraigned before United States Commissioner Green at Freeport. He pleaded guilty, and was bound over to the next session of the federal grand jury under $1,000 bonds.

Injured in a Runaway.

Lincoln, Ill., Dec. 20.—John Hilrichs, living a few miles north of the city was mixed up in a runaway this afternoon and seriously injured. The team he had been driving became frightened at a passing train and, rearing, struck the victim who was in the road. Several ribs were broken and he suffered internal injuries. His wife, who remained in the rig, was not injured to any extent.

Will Fix Racing Dates.

Urbana, Dec. 20.—A meeting of representatives of fair associations of this section is to be held at the Beardsley in Champaign on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The meeting was called by the local officers for the purpose of arranging a racing circuit for 1906. Secretary Lindley is in favor of having three $1,000 purses for the races and the local fair will adopt his recommendations.

Death of Mrs. Jordan.

Paxton, Ill., Dec. 20.—The funeral services of Mrs. Leona J Jordan, aged 20 years, who died Tuesday morning, were held yesterday afternoon at the Christian church.

CENTRAL MADE QUICK RECOVERY

W. L. Shellabarger Surprised at Progress Since Fire.

GREAT EXPORT POINT.

Grain Goes Quickly From This City.

W. L. Shellabarger has just returned after a visit of a week in New Orleans where he has been looking after some business for the Shellabarger Elevator company. Mr. Shellabarger said that he was surprised at the wonderful amount of work that had been done by the Central company since the fire which destroyed the freight terminals at New Orleans last February.

All of the grain elevators have been entirely rebuilt and there is no wood in any of them—steel, stone, cement and brick have made them.

What has interested Mr. Shellabarger more than the quick work of rebuilding is the excellent service that the railroad company gives in handling grain. The Shellabarger company is exporting heavily just now and the bulk of their grain, in fact all of it, is going abroad through the New Orleans port.

Quick as Chicago.

Mr Shellabarger said: "Positively, we can ship grain to New Orleans as quickly — get it there, I mean — as we can get it to Chicago and into an elevator there. That is true. From the time that we unload grain from one of our country elevators until it is in the New Orleans elevator is, on an average, eight days. It takes that much time to get the grain from Decatur to Chicago and into an elevator via either the Illinois Central or the Wabash. That is because of the congested condition of the yards at Chicago. They are always blocked or the belt lines or something delays them. At Mounds, down here near Cairo, the Central collects all of the New Orleans bound grain and it goes south from there in train loads. Last Friday night there was one single car of grain in the Central yards at New Orleans. Think of that, everything else that came in that day was in the elevator. Imagine such a state of affairs existing in Chicago. Because of the unequalled facilities that the Central offers at New Orleans we can make as good time to Liverpool exporting as we can going via New York. Better in fact. The Illinois Central is bending wonderful energy to the purpose of making New Orleans a great exporting point and are succeeding wonderfully well. Another thing that pleases the grain men is the excellent inspection board they have in that city. It is under the charge of W. L. Richeson, formerly of St. Louis and Kansas City, a man of wide experience, fully alive to the interests of New Orleans as an exporting point, and fair to the shipper. We have never had any trouble with inspections or weights in all of the hundreds of cars that we have shipped to New Orleans. Down there they have a rule which bars the opening of a car of grain in heavy, wet weather, such as we are having in Decatur today. If that sort of weather exists the car remains sealed until the weather conditions improve. Corn that would grade when it was put into the car here, if opened there in such weather as this, would absorb enough moisture to make it tough and it would at once be under suspicion. Consequently the cars are not opened unless the weather is fit. The result is that the shipper does not get the worst of it and his grain grades there as it would grade here. The results of our trading in grain shipped through the port of New Orleans have been more satisfactory than any business of like character that we have ever had."

The Shellabarger company is exporting almost exclusively now and thus far this season has shipped to that port over 250 cars of corn. Mr. Shellabarger says that so long as the present conditions rule and the same good results are obtained all of the company grain will go that way.

FOLLOWS SON TO HIS GRAVE

Quincy Woman Who Wished She Might Have Died Suddenly Expires.

Quincy, Ill., Dec. 20.—"If I could only have taken the place of my son! My days are few and numbered. He might have had a long life before him."

This was the expression of Mrs Ellen O'Brien Saturday evening when her son William died. Her desire was not altogether fulfilled, but her friends were greatly shocked to learn that yesterday noon she died suddenly from pneumonia, contracted while watching over the son, who preceded her.

The funeral of the son was to have been held this morning, but on account of the sudden death of his mother, it was postponed until tomorrow morning when there will be a double funeral.

With the death of his mother, the family has been completely extinguished, as in the last few years all seven of the immediate members of the family have died. All with the exception of the last two, died with consumption.

FAILED TO MARRY HER.

Son of Wealthy Brown County Farmer Made Defendant in $10,000 Suit.

Mt. Sterling, Dec. 20.—Miss Margaret Seckman, who resides near Mt. Sterling, has filed suit in the circuit court to recover $10,000 from William Hageman, son of a wealthy Brown county farmer, for alleged breach of promise. The plaintiff asserts that Hageman entered into a contract to marry her, but that when the time arrived for the wedding he refused. She says she is now ready to perform her part of the contract. The case promises to have sensational features.

GETS A LIFE SENTENCE

William King, Negro of Danville, Pleads Guilty to Murder Charge.

Danville, Ill., Dec. 20.—William King, colored, who stabbed and killed John Connor, also colored, pleaded guilty to murder. Judge Kimbrough this afternoon heard the evidence by the state and King's story and sentenced him to life imprisonment.

Death of Mrs. Christiana Scruggs.

Urbana, Ill., Dec. 20.—Had Mrs. Christiana Scruggs of Champaign, who died at the home of her son, Milton Ressler, in Urbana, lived until Christmas day she would have been sixty-seven years old.

THIEVES AT WORK AGAIN

Employes of the Hinds Barn Robbed During the Night.

ALL TOLD LOST $16.40.

Jack Miller and Harry Younger, two employes of the Hinds livery barn on East Prairie street, were victims of a thief or thieves yesterday morning at an early hour. They sleep on cots in the barn office and always leave their trousers hanging on chairs. Miller lost $1.40 in cash and his trousers and Younger was touched for $15 and some small change, besides a bunch of keys. The only reason that Miller was not deprived of his trousers is the fact that he is a cripple and one leg is shorter than the other, so that a pair of trousers of that description would not look very presentable on any man with two full length legs. The bottom was also cut out of the pocket which contained the money, probably for the reason that the thief did not wish to make any noise jingling the money, so took the pocket and all. The matter was reported to the police but as there is no clew to work on there is little possibility that the thief will be caught.

SCHOOL GIRL WITH GUN

Fifteen Year Old Girl, In Love Shoots Her Rival.

HELD TO GRAND JURY.

Mount Vernon, Ill., Dec. 20.—A revolver was used with serious effect by a 15-year old child in a school girl quarrel with a neighboring farmer's 16-year-old daughter in Farrington township, near here. A rivalry for the preference of an 18-year-old beau of the neighborhood is given as the ultimate cause of the quarrel, which led to the use of a weapon, to which women, to say nothing of girls, are generally unaccustomed.

Stella Edmondson, aged 15, shot Maggie Helms, aged 16, and James Wilson, aged 18, is credited with being the cause of the shooting. Two shots were fired, one reaching the chest, the other the side of the girl. The latter wound merely scratched the skin. The former wound may produce serious results.

The girls are neighbors and attend the same school. Each, so the neighbors say, has made unkind remarks about the other on various occasions. Yesterday Stella Edmondson decided to call Maggie Helms to account for something she was reported to have said. She hid a revolver belonging to a male member of the family in her clothing, and accompanied by her younger sister, went to the home of Maggie Helms. The latter was in the stable lot, and there the meeting took place. Recriminations led to physical demonstrations and Stella Edmondson drew her revolver and began shooting. Maggie Helms, twice wounded, ran shrieking into the house.

Stella Edmondson was arrested soon after at her home and was held in $500 bond to answer for assault to kill.

Urbana Postmaster Reappointed.

Urbana, Ill., Dec. 20.—Congressman W B McKinley in a letter to W. W Lindley of Urbana, informs him that his name has been sent to the senate for confirmation for his position again. The appointment was on the cards, but nevertheless the official notice gave a great deal of pleasure to the friends of the county seat postmaster, who, when his name is confirmed by the senate, will enter on his third consecutive term.

Myers Bros. Buy Building.

Jacksonville, Ill., Dec. 20.—Myers Brothers, clothiers of Springfield, have purchased the building in the rear of their present place of business on the north side of the square in this city. The building is a two-story brick structure and was formerly owned by H Z Borgeld of Havana.

FIND BODY ON TRACK.

Mutilated body of Gus Schmidt Causes Mystery at Petersburg.

Petersburg, Ill., Dec. 20.—A body without the head was found upon the tracks of the C. P. & St. L. railroad near this city last evening. The body was afterwards identified as that of Gus Schmidt, an unmarried employe of the Petersburg Coal Company. Considerable mystery attaches to the matter but from all appearances it was evidently a case of suicide on the part of the deceased. A coroner's jury was impanelled by County Coroner Wilkins the same day and tends to show that the head was found about twenty-five feet from the body on the ice on the Sangamon river. The head was completely severed from the body and he must have met his death while lying upon the tracks. Although Schmidt had a quarrel with several companions in a saloon in this city, there are no indications of foul play.

Lid Screwed Down on Dixon.

Dixon, Ill., Dec. 20.—The lid is sure to be on in Dixon. A special meeting of the city council revoked several of the saloon licenses. Mayor Edwards stated that when he took his oath of office he promised to see that the laws of the city of Dixon were obeyed, and that from now on all the saloons would close on time and remain closed on Sunday.

Gambling Paraphenalia Burned.

Urbana, Ill., Dec. 20.—As a result of the Champaign crusade against gambling that city today burned over $1,000 worth of gambling appliances captured in the recent raids. Mayor Blaine applied the match and a big crowd watched the stuff burn.

Blackleg Is Prevalent.

Jacksonville, Ill., Dec. 20.—Blackleg has broken out among cattle in this vicinity and a number of stockmen are already taking preventative measures in the form of vaccination of all young stock. The disease attacks only young animals and is particularly fatal.

Car Shortage Is Felt.

Lincoln, Ill., Dec. 20.—This city is feeling the consequence of the shortage of car supplies for moving grain. The elevators of the county are full and one mill grinding corn products is shut down because of the inability to get cars for shipping purposes.

FEAST WITH THE FIREMEN

Annual Spread Given By the Department at Morgan Street Hose House.

PRONOUNCED SUCCESS.

Guests Feast, Make Speeches and Tell Stories.

The "rabbit roast" given by the members of the fire department to the official family of the city and to the personal friends of the members of the department, was a success in every way. Some of the guests last night have been guests on more than one other occasion and they declared, without exception, that the affair of last night was equal to anything that had been attempted.

In the rear of the new addition to the Morgan street house there were spread two long tables which seated sixty-four guests. Mayor George W Lehman occupied the place at the head of one table. On his right sat former mayor Shilling and on his left sat Chief C. W. Devore. At that table were the greater number of the aldermen and members of the administration family. The feast was called at 8 o'clock and for an hour, the firemen acting as waiters, the guests were served with no end of good things.

THE MENU.

Cold Boiled Ham
Celery Pickles Bread and Butter
Roast Rabbit with dressing
Smothered Quail
Escalloped Oysters Mashed Potatoes
Sweet Potatoes
Apples Mince Pie
Coffee Cigars

Speeches and Story Telling.

Mayor Lehman was toastmaster and he opened the programme of speechmaking by calling on C. F Shilling. In responding the former mayor said that he had attended seven or eight of the annual spreads given by the firemen and that he had never enjoyed one more thoroughly than this one. He advised that the speechmaking be by the "ins" and not the "outs."

C. C. Leforgee said that this was the first of the banquets that he had had the pleasure of attending and he sincerely hoped that it would not be the last. He declared that there was no better organized department of the city government than the fire department, to whose members he expressed thanks for his evening's entertainment.

Eugene Head of Springfield, for a number of years a member of the board of fire commissioners, said that while he had not been feeling well when he received a note from the chief saying that the annual spread was on he could not resist the temptation to come.

Alderman Fahay said that there was no department in the city better organized than the fire department. It was excelled by no other department in the city. There was nothing better in the state.

Alderman McIntosh told a story that didn't apply to the department and he made no claim to that regard. He joshed R. I. Hunt of the board of fire commissioners and lauded the fire department saying that to face the dangers of everyday life in the department it required a heroism different from that required by the soldier who went forth to battle cheered on by the strains of entrancing music.

Robert I. Hunt got even with Alderman McIntosh and then after his sally at the expense of the third ward member declared that while the department was efficient as to men it was lacking in that code was lame in not requiring more stringent regard in the erection of buildings. The fire commissioners will soon ask the council to remedy that important matter for the ordinances regulating the erection of buildings are the foundation upon which the department rested.

Adolph Mueller, after a story or two, declared that the people were to be congratulated upon the fact that while city administrations might change there was never any interference with the fire department on account of politics.

J. W Carter, of the board of commissioners, testified from experience to the efficiency of the department and he urged that when the commissioner asked that the building ordinance be amended careful consideration be given the subject.

Jacob Latham, of the outs, said the cart was before the horse—that instead of the department giving a banquet to the members of the administration and to their friends, it would be more fitting if the administration and the friends of the members should entertain the latter at a banquet. That sentiment was warmly applauded.

W. C. Armstrong said that he had lived in Decatur since 1865 and had never made a speech. This banquet was the first of those given by the department that he had attended. He had enjoyed it thoroughly and was grateful to the department for the splendid entertainment afforded.

Alderman B. W. Dillehunt said that with the department it made little difference who was in and who was out, their efficiency was always the same. He referred to the need of some improvement at the waterworks station and said that if the firemen were supplied with water there was never any question but they would do their full duty.

Alderman F. M. Meredith protested that it was too late for speech making, that there were some hungry men in the background who wanted an opportunity to get at the table and he expressed his thanks to them for the splendid supper he had enjoyed.

City Attorney Boggess said it was his first appearance at the firemen's banquet and because later he might not be in official life at some other time he hoped that he would not be dropped from the list of guests. He urged upon the members of the council that they give heed to the request of the board of fire commissioners for better building ordinances.

On motion of Alderman McIntosh a sincere vote of thanks was returned to the members of the department for the excellent entertainment afforded.

A partial list of the guests follows: Mayor G. W. Lehman, C. F. Shilling, Eugene Head, R. I. Hunt, W. F. Carter, J. W. Carter, C. C. Leforgee, A. J. Dunston, A. H. Alexander, Albert Leach, W. Nay Boggess, F. S. Dodd, R. S. Bohon, Dan Dinneen, Frank Robbins, I. D. Stine, Daniel Myers, C. A. Thrift, W. B. Hawkins, B. W. Dillehunt, L. C. Wilskey, S. L. Payne, M. Fahay, C. Goodmiller, Alexander McIntosh, E. W. Frahlman, Darius Aungst, F. M. Meridith, C. W. Devore, Adolph Mueller, Sam Bartlett, J. W. Morrison, W. H. Spence, John Rehfelt, Guy Chambers, J. O. Hawker, Harry Kossieck, C. E. Mitchell, Neum Hill, J. W. Lambert, Fred Davidson, Ad Lynch, C. C. Andrews, Lawrence Ryan, John R. Rogers, C. A. Starr, Joe McNamara, Fred Litterer, Harry Rathrauff, Dan Macknet, J. H. Latham, W. C. Armstrong, J. O. Spence, Charles Pease, W. I. Lundy, J. W. Weigand, E. J. Wilkins, Sr., Will Peake, Daniel Hamman, W. H. Curran.

IN HOSPITAL NOW.

Buck Weems Is Compelled to Abandon His Wagon Trip.

Friends of Buck Weems, who has for several years been in the west seeking to recuperate his failing health, hear reports that do not reassure them.

For a long time, in company with Paul Wilder, who went out there to assist in caring for him, the young man has been travelling about the country in a wagon, camping out in the hope that the out of door life would be of advantage to him. He has been compelled to abandon that plan and the greater part of his time is now spent in a hospital at Las Cruces, N. M. Some days he is able to get out and walk about some, but on other days he does not leave the hospital. He is somewhat discouraged at the prospect and is anxiously awaiting the time when a new hospital, now building at Las Vegas, N. M., will be completed. That place is for tubercular patients exclusively and he has hope that when he gets into that place, where special arrangements have been made for treating the disease with which he is afflicted, that he will be able to show some indications of improvement. His many Decatur friends are hopeful that he may not be disappointed in his anticipations. The probability is that the new hospital will be ready for patients about the first of the year.

E. R. Hoddy reported to the police last night that a bay horse had disappeared from his barn at 249 North Edward street. From the appearance of the barn Mr. Hoddy thought that the horse had probably strayed away, rather than to have been stolen.

DIVORCE LAW IS RETROACTIVE

Supreme Court So Decides In Decision Handed Down Yesterday.

REVERSES APPELLATE COURT

On the Question of Counties Employing Tax Ferrets.

Springfield, Dec. 20.—The supreme court today declared the new divorce law passed by last legislature retroactive in its scope and that under its provisions persons divorced previously to July 1, 1905, the date of which the law went into effect cannot re-marry within one year after securing such divorce.

Turn Down Appellate.

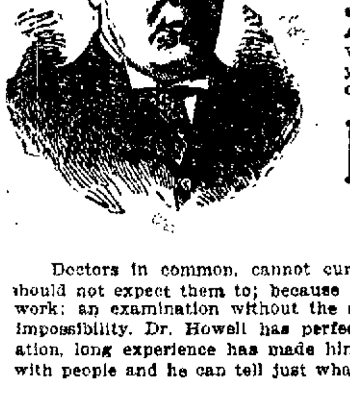
The supreme court today upheld in the case from Henry county, a decision of the circuit court of that county, and reverses the decision of the appellate court, holding that counties cannot employ tax ferrets to hunt out omitted taxes charged on assessment and in the making of assessment itself.

New Trial to Murderer.

The supreme court today granted a new trial to Victor Roland O'Shea, of Chicago, convicted of murdering his wife, Amy O'Shea, September 10, 1902, and sentenced for life imprisonment. The first trial resulted in a disagreement, the second in conviction. O'Shea's defense was insanity. The defendant's attorneys contended that Judge McEwen, who presided asked questions on cross examination that influenced the jury to the prejudice of the defendant.

Tolon Fish of this city, who was married about a week ago has moved into a house at 129 North Church street.

How Are Your Kidneys?



Kidney Diseases Cause Many Deaths. Will You Be One to Suffer.

Kidney diseases are dangerous and come with little warning. As soon as a sign of disease or weakness of the kidney is noticed you should commence treatment at once.

Dr. Howell

Guarantees Cures

Doctors in common, cannot cure dangerous kidney diseases, you should not expect them to; because they are not prepared to do such work: an examination without the aid of scientific instruments is an impossibility. Dr. Howell has perfect equipment for making examination, long experience has made him expert in telling what is wrong with people and he can tell just what can be done for them.

If you have been treated for kidney disease and are yet suffering or have not improved as you should, you will save valuable time, suffering, money and perchance your life by going at once to Dr. Howell and commence treatment which he has cured many other and will cure you if you are curable, if you cannot be cured he will tell you so.

Look Out for the Signs:

Do your hands or feet swell? Is there pain in the small of your back? Is there an irregular flow of urine? Is the urine dark or cloudy? Does a deposit form in the urine when left standing? Do you have trouble in passing urine? Is there a desire to get up nights? Does your urine stain your clothing? Does the urine scald or burn you? Are you sure albumen is not wasted away in your urine?

Is your blood thick and circulation poor? Do you have cold hands and feet and an uneasy feeling? Do you see spots before your eyes? Is the skin pale, harsh and dry or covered with a sour sticky sweat? Are you subject to boils, impure blood and a tired feeling? Is there puffiness or dark rings under the eyes? Did your father or mother have kidney disease? Do you have Rheumatism Sciatic, Neuralgia, Gravel or Gall Stones?

The above are signs of kidney and bladder trouble and require immediate treatment. Irritability, nervousness and sleeplessness are often due to kidney troubles.

Dr. Howell cures Diseases of the Eyes, Ears, Nose, Throat, Lungs, Kidneys, Stomach, Blood, Nerves, Heart and Skin, Diseases Peculiar to Women, Curable Cancers, Piles, Tumors and other Lingering Ailments as Catarrh, Bronchitis, Asthma, Constipation (first stage), Deafness, (some cases), Head Noises, Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Insomnia, Paralysis (early stages), Ulcers, Tumors, Goitre, Indigestion, Bladder Trouble, Eczema and Special Diseases of Men.

Are You Sick? Are you weak? If you are suffering from drains, bad dreams, lost vitality or vigor, the result of early indiscretions or from any cause whatever, attend to your case at once. If you feel weak, gloomy, despondent, have poor memory, lack ambition and feel there is a gradual growing weakness of your nervous and physical system, come to me and through my treatment be restored to health and strength. It rejuvenates and builds up new nerve force and promotes a free circulation to the organs and restores mental and physical power completely. I have cured thousands of men and women, and rescue them, as it were, from becoming mental and physical wrecks. Don't hesitate to consult me, free of charge.

I cure diseases peculiar to WOMEN, without the knife. I cure all Chronic Diseases, diseases of the Stomach, Liver, Kidneys and Bowels, Rheumatism, Catarrh and all Chronic, Nervous, Blood Wasting and Private Diseases.

MY GUARANTEE

NO FEE TILL CURED. If you have the least doubt of my ability to restore you to health and wish to try my method of treatment, you may deposit the fee for a cure in any DECATUR BANK—not to be paid till a cure is effected. PATIENTS, IF THEY PREFER, MAY PAY IN EASY MONTHLY INSTALLMENTS.

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Throat Sore? Voice Hoarse? Nose Running?
Perry Davis' **Painkiller**
will quickly cure you. Sold for over 60 years. TRY IT.

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There is a quality in Royal Baking Powder which makes the food more digestible and wholesome. This peculiarity of Royal has been noted by physicians, and they accordingly endorse and recommend it.

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SPORTING

THE GRIDIRONS ARE TOO HARD

Director Huff Thinks Foot ball Injuries Due to This Cause.

TAN BARK IS GOOD.

Springy Turf Would Be Very Much Better.

Urbana, Ill., Dec. 20.—Director Geo Huff of the university of Illinois declares that different playing fields may solve the football injury problem. He says. "As I understand it, one of the principal ends sought in the present football agitation is to make the sport safer and lessen the number of injuries.

"In all this discussion I have failed to see any mention of what I have come to believe is an important factor in causing injuries, namely playing fields. Most of the football games in this country are played on hard ground. A fall on them would jar anyone.

Springy Turf Best.

"I am convinced from the result of my observation that there would be fewer men hurt if a field could be provided which, while it would not prevent speed, would not be hard. Have you ever noticed that there are hardly any men injured in a contest on a muddy field?"

"Take Marshall field. Local players say they would rather play there than any other place, because they do not feel their falls. The Chicago gridiron is springy, and the soil sandy.

"Of course the great question is as to what substitute can be found. It may be that straw mixed with sand might produce the desired result. Cork would be good, but almost prohibitory because of its cost. A number of games have been played on tan bark with success. Illinois played the Carlisle Indians in the old Chicago coliseum in 1897 on tan bark, and, as I recall it there were few injuries if any. I intend to experiment on a small scale on Illinois field next fall.

Injured in Open Game.

"I do not take much stock in this talk that an open game will lessen the injuries. My experience has been that more players are hurt in the open than in the mass style of play. There were few players injured at Illinois this fall, and those who were hurt got it in open playing.

"Those who are crying commercialism and big gate receipts mean well, but they are wrong. As athletics are managed in the big universities, it would be impossible to divert any money to a player from the receipts. If men are being sought anywhere alumni and town people do it. Admission should be made cheaper to students but to no one else."

CHICAGO CUBS STRONG

Col. Hart Turns "Fan" and Gives His Opinion on Strength.

WILL BEAT NEW YORK.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—Colonel Jim Hart has turned baseball fan. During his long term as president of the West Side ball team Mr. Hart was never given to winning pennants in the winter time and he was so chary of opinions about his ball teams that one seldom, if ever, heard the colonel boast of a championship flag "next season." Now that he has retired from the game, Mr. Hart comes out flat-footed and says the cubs are one of the strongest teams in the game and capable of giving the New York giants an even fight for the National league flag.

"The two trades made at New York by Murphy on Chance's recommendation just filled out the team," said Mr Hart yesterday. "It has always been my belief that swapping players you do not want for one you do want is the way to build up a team. No matter how many players you have to give for the man who will prove necessary in your team, give them and get in return the one who will round out your nine.

"Although Sheckard cost four players, they were men who could easily be spared. Moran was secured for two players. One of them was Pfeffer, a pitcher, who was not needed, considering the big staff of more experienced men, and, therefore, the trade was really O'Neill for Moran. As Moran excels O'Neill in many ways, the trade was a good one from the Chicago standpoint.

"Murphy was lucky in getting just the men he went after. For two or three years I had been negotiating for Moran, but could never land him, and, of course, everyone in the league wanted Sheckard. He is a $10,000 player on any team.

"As I look over the cubs now I can see no weak spots. Some fans may think Maloney was a wonder, but Sheckard will make easy work of some of the catches that Maloney made look hard. As far as their batting is concerned, there is really no comparison between them. I don't say the Chicagos will win the pennant, but they look awfully strong to me, and I really believe the team that finishes ahead of them will take the flag."

Hilbrant-Higgins.

Charles G. Hilbrant and Miss Jennie Pearl Higgins, both of Argenta, were married Wednesday by Judge O. W. Smith at the court house.

Allen's Lung Balsam

Will positively Cure deep-seated Coughs, Colds and all Bronchial Troubles past relief by other means. $1.00, 50c. and 25c. per bottle.

AHEAD WITH BALL PLANS

Jimmy Callahan of White Sox Says He Means Business.

GROUNDS ARE LEASED

Chicago, Dec. 20.—The plans of Jimmy Callahan, who wishes to leave the White Sox team in order to start a new city league, and who threatens to break in on Three-Eye league clubs for players, are fast reaching tangible proportions.

"If anyone thinks I am not in earnest about this scheme," Callahan said yesterday, "I can show where I have paid one year's rent on my grounds and contracted with architects and the lumber firms. I couldn't back out now if I wanted to.

"The ground is to be kite-shaped, with space enough for a clean home run through center field, while an exceptionally hard hit ball may now and then vanish over the right or left field fence. I believe the fans like to see an occasional home run over the wall and a good hard drive, not a short pop fly, will have this effect now and then. I shall put my grand stand but fifty feet behind the catcher instead of the regulation ninety. I think the fans will like being right on the top of plays that way.

"Tomorrow I will send out invitations to independent clubs asking them to hold a meeting and discuss my plan. If I can overcome the objections raised by several managers all right, if not I shall go ahead anyway. It will probably surprise the doubters when I say that I have four good ball parks ready to go into my scheme, with applications from several first class ball clubs and proffers of financial backing.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES.

The Sophomores held their Christmas program Wednesday morning. It was as follows.

Song, O Tannenbaum .... Class
Piano Solo .... Annie McNabb
Reading .... Myrtle Sanderson
Mandolin Solo .... Bertha Danzlesen
Song, Blessed Birth .... Class
Flute Solo .... Roy Ziegler

The program was under the direction of Miss Clark and was one of the best programmes ever given by a sophomore class of the high school.

The library is closed until after the holidays.

THE HORSE IS DEAD.

On Saturday night, December 9, on West Main street while crossing the street car tracks, the wagon and horse of James Goodrich who lives northwest of the city, were struck by a street car. The horse sustained injuries that were not at that time regarded as necessarily fatal but since that time he has gone to his equine reward. It is said that Goodrich will ask the street car company to reimburse him for the loss of the animal.

CHRISTMAS TREES.

Small pine trees, not more than six feet high, are in fair demand for private Christmas trees and are selling at fifty cents each.

THE CARS SLID.

Yesterday afternoon it was next to impossible for the motormen on the street cars to stop at the crossings and more than one passenger in getting on or off of the cars said uncomfortable things about the motorman. There had been just enough rain to make the rails as slippery as though they had been greased. Once that a car was well under way the combination of brakes and sand was not sufficient to make a stop as desired.

MARRIED AT STONINGTON.

E. Ogden of Lexington Claims Miss Pearl Wiser as Bride.

E. Ogden of Lexington, Ill., and Miss Pearl Wiser of Stonington, were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents in that town Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock, by the Rev. Mr. Ream. Immediately after the ceremony the couple left for the home of Mr. Ogden near Lexington, where he has a farm, and on which they will reside. Mrs. Ogden is well known in Stonington and vicinity, her father being manager for the National Elevator company of that place. The wedding was intended as a surprise to their friends, but leaked out and a merry crowd of friends followed them into the train and showered them with rice until the departure of the train compelled them to desist. Mr. Ogden, the father of the groom, will give a reception for them in Lexington Thursday evening, at which the orchestra of which the groom has been a leader for a number of years, will furnish music.

WRECK CREW CALLED.

To Right a Car Off Track on Riverside Division.

Car No. 8 on the Riverside line got off the track last night. As the car was coming back from the Country club it jumped the track at the turn near the old gate at Riverside. The car was almost at right angles to the track and the wreck car was called out to get it in place again.

PAPER GIVES LICENSE.

But Supposed Groom Denies Any Wedding Occured.

Yesterday morning in a St. Louis paper appeared the names of Simon Mayberry and Miss Anna Coulter, both of Oakley, who were supposed to have been given a marriage license. Mr. Mayberry denies that such a license had been issued for him and said that he had not been married to Miss Coulter, further stating that he had not been in St. Louis. His mother, Mrs. Mary Mayberry, knew nothing of the wedding, or that her son had been to St. Louis. She said, however, that her son had been thinking of getting married to Miss Coulter, as they have been keeping company a long time.

MARRIED.

Phillips-Smith.

Charles R. Phillips and Miss Olive Smith of LeRoy, Ill., were married by Justice of the Peace J. W. Montgomery yesterday afternoon. The groom is an operator at LeRoy.

Robbery at Clinton.

The police department received word from Clinton stating that a store there had been robbed. Over 100 hides and a lot of shoes and gloves were stolen.

LEARNED A GOOD DEAL

Jacksonville Citizens Come Over to See What Interurbans Do.

DECATUR TOLD THEM.

A party from Jacksonville and Morgan county came to Decatur Wednesday as guests of the interurban. The McKinley people expect to run a road from Springfield to Jacksonville. The Jacksonville people were brought here to see for themselves just what an interurban road is and what it does for a city.

The visitors, numbering eighteen, went from Jacksonville to Springfield on the Wabash and thence came on a special car to Decatur. The party was taken to the St. Nicholas hotel for dinner. Among the Decatur people present who made talks were Robert I. Hunt, Mayor C. W. Lehman, Alderman John A. Montgomery, Owen Scott, Attorney C. C. Leforgee and Judge J. M. Lee. Some of the Jacksonville people were called upon for speeches. The visitors went back to Springfield on a special car during the afternoon.

Those in the party were as follows:

S. B. Stewart, city clerk of Jacksonville.

Aldermen—A. T. Capps, A. H. Cobb, M. L. Hildreth, F. L. Hairgrove, E. E. H. Ticknor.

Morgan County Commissioners—W. A. Barryman, George Deitrick, J. C. McFillen.

Highway Commissioners—A. J. Ferguson, James C. Rook and James McDonald.

Jacksonville Bankers—Walter Ayers, Andrew Russell, E. E. Crabtree.

Distinguished Citizens—J. P. Doane, C. L. Bartlett, F. J. Andrews, W. E. Veitch.

FUNERAL AT MT. ZION

Burial of Mrs. S. S. Bilby Held There Wednesday Afternoon.

The funeral of the late Mrs. S. S. Bilby was held at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning from the Methodist church at Mt. Zion, and was largely attended. The services were conducted by Rev. W. W. Theobold, assisteted by Rev. W. A. Boyd. The music was by a male quartet, composed of Rev. W. S. Neely, S. D. Smith, Walter R. Black and John Pierce.

The burial was at the Mt. Zion cemetery and the pallbearers were Frank Gregory, G. C. Outten, M. J. Black, Walter Bilby, J. E. Ferrill and J. C. Cruse.

EARLY CALENDAR.

Union Iron Works Out With Very Pretty One for 1906.

The Union Iron Works is the first to distribute their 1906 calendars. The figures are large and easily distinguishable and the picture is unusually pretty. It is an excellent advertisement.

WITH THE SICK.

Mrs. Joe Steinen of Pekin, who is staying with her sister, Mrs De Lashmutt, 469 West Wood street, is ill.

Miss Florence Newell of West Wood street is sick with tonsilitis.

J. Burdette, 910 North Water street, who has been sick for about two weeks has now resumed his work at Roberts tin shop on Water street.

Mrs. W. D. Henson, 1618 North Water street, is quite sick.

The little girl of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Morey, who are visiting in Forsyth this week is confined with lung fever.

DEEDS RECORDED.

Nettie E. Ackerman to Martha M. Smith, lot 11 in A. E. Kinney's addition to Decatur; $1,650.

George S. Simoson to Sarah M. Perry, lot 7 in block 1 of Simpson's second addition to Decatur; $500.

Lizzie A. Converse to Louisa Green, lot 19 in block 1 of Leafland Heights; $2,000.

Kilburn H. Roby to W. F. Pickle, the undivided one-half interest interest in a part of the w½ of the ne¼ of 17-16-2, east; $2,130.

Mary E. Haworth et al. to W. F. Pickle, undivided one-half interest in same; $2,130.

William L. Bear, Jr., to Jacob H. Latham, lot 9 in block 3 of H. A. Wood's Walnut Grove addition to Decatur; $100.

M. Tozer to W. F. Bridgeman, lot 2 in block 7 of the town of Maroa; $600.

EVIDENCE IS BEING OFFERED

In the Hastie Case Against the M. & C. Coal Company.

The Hastie mine case is still on trial in the circuit court. All of the time Wednesday in court was occupied hearing evidence. It will be a day or two yet before the case is concluded.

New Suit Started.

A new suit was started Wednesday by Lowber Burrows, administrator of the estate of the late L. L. Burrows. It is an ex parte case and is a petition for the appointment of a trustee.

L. L. Burrows when he was alive was made by George S. Jackman, trustee for some property to be held for Morrison and Saida Jackman. It is stated in the petition filed in the circuit court that L. L. Burrows is dead and it is asked that another person be appointed trustee so the executor could turn over the money. John Prestley is suggested as a suitable person for the trusteeship.

The only entries on the court docket Wednesday were as follows:

CHANCERY.

National Bank of Decatur vs. J. S. Starr et al., assumpsit; case settled and dismissed by complainant at its costs.

George B. Jackman et al., guardian ex parte, petition; petition for appointment of receiver; certified to master for proof and conclusions.

Christmas Day.

Dr. Appleman will meet his many patients and all others who desire to consult him at his office. Brunswick Hotel. The doctor cames here regularly every fourth Monday and as his day is so well established, he will not change it this time but come as usual. This will be an excellent opportunity for many to see him and get a start toward a cure. His consultation always free and invited. Hours, 8 a. m. to 4 p. m.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

William F. Beck, Casner	20
Emma Slough, Casner	19
William H. Dittman, Mt. Pulaski	Legal
Loretta M. Preston, Calhoun	Legal
Charles G. Hilbrant, Argenta	Legal
Jennie Pearl Higgins, Argenta	Legal
Charles R. Phillips, LeRoy	24
Olive Smith, LeRoy	23
Ludwick Cyrus Peters, Harristown	21
Stella Mae Lindsey, Harristown	18

TOYS PILE UP FOR POOR CHILDREN

The Herald Office Windows Show Accumulation of Many Gifts.

BE ONE OF DONORS

If Too Busy to Buy Stop in and Make Contribution.

There was a big increase in the number of toys in the Herald window yesterday and it has become one of the most attractive windows in the city. Hundreds stop there every day to gaze upon the Christmas cheer and speculate on the happiness that is to be carried into many a poverty stricken home on next Monday. There will be toys for all the children that are not accustomed to receiving them and there will be a kind of happiness in many homes such as was never before known. The overseer of the poor has furnished the Herald with a list of the families that are recipients of the county's aid and each one of these homes will be visited.

Among the donors for the poor are many little folks who have been imbued with the idea that it is the right thing for them to divide up their Christmas with those who are less fortunate than they. The list that is now shown in the window includes dolls, croquet sets, blocks of all kinds, guns, furniture, mechanical toys, drums, stoves, bowling sets, watches, mouth harps, drawing slates, and other trinkets. There is a large assortment of books and many little iron toys.

There are yet three days left and the Herald hopes that the people who are able to do so will not forget to help along this worthy cause. All kinds of toys are acceptable. It is not designed to make extravagant gifts. The purpose is merely to carry to each of the poor children some little remembrance of the day that will temporarily at least lift the burden under which they labor and make them feel that in the gladsome time they have not been forgotten.

Some of the toys brought in are handsome and would be acceptable to any little one. There is a great, big doll that cost the donor seventy-five cents. There is a splendid toy gun and numerous drawing slates, boxes of paints and other articles that will be appreciated. Twenty-five cents will buy two or three toys. There are many persons who would gladly contribute to the cause if they did not want to take the trouble to go out and buy the toys.

To all of these the Herald would say that money contributions left at the office will be judiciously expended for the purpose already outlined. Stop in today and be one of those who are going to spread more actual Christmas joy than any others in the city.

Monday morning the presents will be done up in packages and there will be at least one for each of the very poor children. These will be distributed just as rapidly as possible and within a few hours it is hoped to have reached every one of the poor children.

J. FRANK JONES SELLS HIS RANCH

Former Decatur Man Makes Good Thing in Colorado.

J. Frank Jones, formerly of this city, recently sold his ranch in Colorado to William O. Wood of Warsaw, Ill. The Washington County Leader speaks highly of the ranch. In the current issue of the paper the place is said to be one of the finest in that part of Colorado, and refers to the sale as follows.

"In purchasing this up to date stock ranch Mr. Wood is enabled to take up the high grade cattle business where Mr. Jones leaves off, thereby gaining the worth of Mr. Jones' years of time and experience consumed in bringing this ranch, its splendid equipage, fine buildings, choice hay land and grazing enclosures, up to its present high state of excellency.

"Both the ranch and its surroundings and the cattle have been in the public eye for some time and none were surprised this fall when Mr. Jones topped the market without pick or shrink with a bunch of his black steers.

"The ranch contains 960 acres, and is stocked with eighty-five head of high grade Black Angus cattle and nine head of horses."

COUNTY COURT.

Ova Johnson, charged with drunkenness and disturbing the peace, was before Judge Smith Wednesday and pleaded guilty. He was fined $5 and costs on one count, and $10 and costs on the other count, all to stand committed until paid.

Walter Boswell, charged with assault and battery, pleaded guilty and was fined $10 and costs.

WARSAW FIREMEN JOIN THE STRIKE

Refuse to Take Out Apparatus Until Pay Is Raised.

Warsaw, Russian Poland, Dec. 20.—Employes of the fire department struck this evening. They demand an increase in salary and refuse to take out the fire engines unless it is granted.

It is reported from Nicholaieff, government of Khersol, that two infantry regiments revolted today and that sanguinary fight ensued. Details are lacking.

PRISON MADE GOODS.

Alton Board of Education Will Refuse to Purchase Them.

Alton, Dec. 20.—The Alton board of education will not purchase the convict made goods for the use of the public schools unless compelled to do so by the state law.

The decision was reached yesterday by the board and A. E. Bassett, one of the members, was requested to write to Attorney General Stead for an opinion.

The board has received notification from prison authorities that it must buy or give preference to convict made goods, under the act passed by the last Illinois legislature.

Some supplies are badly needed by some of the Alton schools now, but the board will not buy from prison keepers and are afraid of legal complications if it buys from anyone else.

MUTUAL DRAINAGE DITCH

Work at Maroa Is Completed at Cost of $5,500 To Builders.

THOSE BENEFITTED.

Maroa Drainage District No. 1 has completed its ditch and all the bills have been audited and the amount estimated. All work and material was purchased by the parties interested, and it was a strictly mutual ditch. John Brown of Clinton was the surveyor, and C. M. Hartsock, John Brown and W. Smallwood were appraisers of the cost of the ditch and made the assessment. Henry Barger, W. H. Hendrix and G. L. Miller are the commissioners of the ditch. Henry Barger is president and B. S. Miller secretary and treasurer. The ditch complete cost $5,500, and is considered cheap for the distance and the land reclaimed.

The following are interested in the land through which the ditch runs and drains: C. Y. Miller, M. R. Allsup, W. H. Hendrix, A. J. Shoemaker, B. S. Miller, G. L. Miller, Frank Massey, H. Barger, Joseph Bennett, W. H. Farren, Jr., W. H. Farren, Sr., Marthat Miller, Bell Ewing, T. C. Grady and P. P. Nelson.

APPLES SELL AT 5 CENTS EACH

Common Fruit Is Equal In Price to Oranges Now.

LIKE BELLEFLOWERS.

Grocers Say That the Price Is Not Exorbitnant

Some of the grocers are offering apples at five cents each. They are of the Golden Grimes variety and came from Colorado. The apples are at first glance of the style of the Bellflower, but a close inspection reveals that the resemblance ends with the color and does not go far in that particular.

The fruit is shipped in boxes said to hold a bushel. The grocers who handle them declare that there is no money to be made in selling them at five cents each and that they are handled more as an advertisement than for anything else. At this season it is often that there is a desire to have fruits as much for its fine appearance as for anything else, and while these apples are really as fine in flavor as one would believe from their fine appearance, they are best for decorative purposes, when one considers that there are other and favorite varieties that do not cost half the money.

The apple market continues to be rather slow and naturally under such conditions the men who handle them are satisfied if they have only one bushel of the fancy Colorado stock, which is the highest priced stuff in the market just now. Oranges are taking the place of apples because of the high price of the latter. They cost no more than the apples, but when there is so little difference in the price they are preferred by the majority of consumers.

MAY HAVE A PIPE ORGAN

Masons May Make a Valuable Addition to Their Building.

The Masons who purchased the Grace church building have not decided definitely yet just how they will use the new addition recently built onto the front of the building. The building committee a few days ago decided to consider the suggestion made that a pipe organ be placed therein to cost something in the neighborhood of $1,000, but have not come to any definite conclusion in the matter. It has been decided, however, that the new room will be used as a lounging and smoking room. With the room put to this use it is hoped to do away with the smoking and lounging about the main auditorium. It is likely that a library will also be placed in the new apartment and a number of books purchased. If it is decided later on to put in the pipe organ it will be placed on the second or balcony floor.

CHECK GIRLS HAVE TROUBLES

Disagreed in the Store and Agreed to Fight It Out.

Even the check girls in the dry goods stores have their troubles and fusses, and at times they can make things liveller than many of the older heads or the boys. Yesterday afternoon a couple of girls not over fifteen years old, in one of the big dry goods stores of this city, got into a little argument which ended with them both crying and agreeing to have a full fledged, hairpulling fight at five o'clock, at which time they were both due to go to supper. Whether or not they met in awful battle, is not known, but when they returned from supper all looked serene and it is supposed that the matter was settled off the battle ground.

ILLINOIS NOT IN IT.

Other States Winning in the Fat Stock Show.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—In the stock show today in the Aberdeen-Angus class, Augustus Pet, owned by E. T. Davis, of Iowa, secured the first honors. In the Hereford class, Wisconsin swept the board, the herd of Cargill and McMillan, of La Crosse, capturing both senior and junior herd prizes and also every first prize for females.

Platt's Stepdaughter Weds.

New York, Dec. 20.—Louis Margaret Snow, daughter of Mrs. Thomas C. Platt and stepdaughter of Senator Platt, was married to Francis J. Carmody of Minneapolis at Grace church yesterday. Senator Platt's gifts to the bride were numerous.

DEATH CAME VERY SUDDENLY

Mrs. Ludwig Neubecker Died at Result of Heart Trouble.

SHE HAD COMPLAINED

But Was Able to Be Up and Around All the Time.

Mrs. Ludwig Neubecker died suddenly yesterday morning about 9 o'clock at her home, 1027 North Calhoun street. She was 74 years of age and the cause of her death was heart trouble.

When she arose yesterday morning she was in apparently good health and was able to get breakfast and do her usual morning work. About 9 o'clock however, she complained of a smothering sensation and asked her husband to go to the drug store after some medicine. When he returned ten minutes later she was sitting in a rocker, unconscious. Mr. Neubecker attempted to arouse her, but was unsuccessful, and called in a neighbor. After another attempt, they called Drs. A. F. Wilhelmy and W. C. Bowers. When they arrived Mrs. Neubecker was dead.

Had Complained.

Mrs. Neubecker had been breathing unusually heavy for several days, but little was thought of it. She complained more than usual on Tuesday and remarked to her husband that if she did not feel better next day she would go to a doctor, but yesterday morning she felt much better and thought she was getting along all right, until the smothering spell came upon her and then it was too late.

Mr. Neubecker is a coal miner and he and Mrs. Neubecker lived alone.

The coroner's inquest was held at 1 o'clock by Coroner T. C. Buxton. Only two witnesses testified. They were the husband and the neighbor, Mrs. Minnie Bodazek. The verdict of the jury was heart failure. Those who served were A. Hargroves, Ben E. Drum, William Borosch, G. Teike, Dan Rostek and Fred Cliefeld.

The funeral will be held Friday afternoon from the house at 2 o'clock and from St. Johannes' church at 2:30, Rev. Heine officiating. Burial will be at Greenwood.

GAS COMPANY NOT AFFECTED

Walsh's Holdings in Peoria Concern Worth Many Hundred Thousands.

Peoria, Dec. 20—The officers of the Peoria Gas and Electric company assert that the company is not affected in the slightest degree by the sensational failure of John R. Walsh in Chicago. Mr. Walsh's holdings in the company are estimated by a Chicago authority as worth at least $300,000, but this is said to have been on the basis of what they would bring at forced sale on the market, and is less than half what they are worth.

The capital stock of the company consists of 25,000 shares of a par value of $100 per share. Of this amount Mr. Walsh is said to own about 8,000 shares. The stock is now quoted at between $75 and $80 per share. This would make Mr. Walsh's holdings at their market value nearly $700,000, which is probably more nearly correct than the Chicago estimate.

There is beside a bond issue of $2,000,000 which was all sold at the time of issue and are not now, so the local officials assert, an issue. Mr. Little further asserts that the company does business upon a cash basis, discounts all its bills and is not a creditor of any bank. This effectually disposes of rumors that the company would be affected or that any change of officers or management would result from the Walsh failure.

THE M'KINNEY TRIAL.

Man and Wife are Arraigned for Alleged Cruelty.

Aledo, Ill., Dec. 20.—Archibald McKinney and wife, Mary L. McKinney, socially prominent in this town, were arraigned Monday afternoon on the charge of cruelty to Stella Grady, their ward, last spring. Both entered a plea of not guilty.

Most of the day was occupied in the arguing of motions. The defendants were overruled in nearly every case. Out of a panel of twenty-four jurors three were accepted by adjournment late in the afternoon.

The Grady girl was taken from the McKinney residence last May on the complaint of neighbors and sent to the home of the friendless. Her body showed unmistakable signs of illtreatment and the indictments followed almost immediately. The case has been postponed on various pretexts since that time.

The defense will be that Mrs. McKinney's mind is affected and that there is a pronounced taint of insanity in her family.

DRINK CRAZED; KILLS FRIEND

Young Chicagoan Murders His Aged Benefactor in Galesburg.

Galesburg, Ill., Dec. 20.—While crazed with drink George Lynch of Chicago early this morning shot and killed W. H. Siebert, his aged friend of this city.

The murderer arrived here from the metropolis last evening in a hopelessly intoxicated condition. During the night visits to the local resorts did not better his condition. At 5 a. m. he went to Siebert's home and knocked at the front door. The old man was awakened and asked: "Who's there?"

"It is George. Let me in," was the reply.

Siebert threw open the door and turned to light a lamp.

Lynch asked him: "Are you my father?"

"I have always tried to treat you like a father," answered Siebert.

"You have ruined my life and your time has come," exclaimed Lynch.

He drew a revolver and sent three shots into his friend's body. Siebert died instantly. His aged wife witnessed the tragedy.

Lynch escaped, but was captured in Quincy later in the day. He is a native Chicagoan, having been a newsboy and bootblack in his boyhood.

Robert Holderness' Body.

The remains of Robert Holderness, who died at Quincy December 18, arrived last night and were removed to Moran's chapel.

DINE FOOTBALL SQUAD

Millikin Players Are Rewarded With Sweaters and M's.

MOORE MADE CAPTAIN

The board of directors of the James Millikin university entertained the members of the foot ball squad at an oyster supper last evening in Mrs. Shaw's room at the university. Twenty-six persons sat down to the table and the meal was greatly enjoyed by all, the oysters being served in splendid style. The company lingered around the table for the space of two hours and during that time a number of toasts were given. Those responding were Dr. Messerve, Forest File, James Ashmore, McDavid McGaughey and others. President A. R. Taylor presided as toastmaster.

Arthur Moore was chosen as captain for the coming year.

The event of the evening was the presentation of sweaters and M's to the following members of the team: Moeller, Kaeuper, Williamson, Redmon, Captain Sam Powers, Crea, Moore, Waddell, Moses, Coper, McDavid, Richmond and Beatty.

The evening closed with the singing of a number of foot ball songs.

LEDUC'S TRIAL IN FEBRUARY

Bloomington, Dec. 20.—Charles LeDuc, the murderer of Charles Nickel and Hugh D. Jones of Chenoa, will not be tried at the time set by the court recently. Judge Myers yesterday granted the continuance asked for by LeDuc's attorneys and the case will not be heard until the February term.

The motion filed by the attorneys for LeDuc was given at length in the Pantagraph of yesterday and the reasons set forth why a trial for the accused could not be had beginning January 2 were evidently of sufficient weight with the court to cause the motion to be granted.

The trial of LeDuc when it does come off will rank only second to that of Merritt Chism in the interest of the county. It is likely that it will be a long drawn out afair when it comes to trail and the attorneys have promised that there will be no further continuance asked for, but that the case will be ready when again placed on the docket.

WINTER BEGINS.

With the Shortest Day of the Year, December 21.

Today is the beginning of winter, it also marks the shortest day of the year. The autumn season just closed has been a mixture of spring, summer and winter and it is hoped the weather man will get down to business and give us the kind of a Christmas that makes the world glad.

In Mad Chase.

Millions rush in mad chase after health, from one extreme of faddism to another, when if they would only eat good food, and keep their bowels regular with Dr. King's New Life Pills their troubles would all pass away. Prompt relief and quick cure for liver and stomach trouble. 25c at J. E. King's, Krone's, and C. H. Walter's drug stores. Guaranteed.

MRS. LEE'S STATEMENT.

With reference to the arrest of Mrs Lee and Ed Walker which took place at 538 N. Morgan last Friday, Mrs Lee of 1021 East Cerro Gordo street wishes to state that the woman who gave the name of Mrs. Lee is really Rosa Slaughter, and she gave Mrs. Lee's name to shield herself. Both these people are colored.

A Fearful Fate.

It is a fearful fate to have to endure the terrible torture of piles. "I can truthfully say," writes Harry Colson of Masonville, Ia., "that for blind, bleeding, itching and protruding piles, Bucklen's Arnica Salve is the best cure made." Also best for cuts, burns and injuries. 25c at J. E. King's, Krone's, and C. H. Walter's drug stores.

Furious Fighting.

"For seven years," writes George W. Hoffman, of Harper, Wash., "I had a bitter battle with chronic stomach and liver trouble, but at last I won and cured my diseases by the use of Electric Bitters. I unhesitatingly recommend them to all, and don't intend in the future to be without them in the house. They are certainly a wonderful medicine to have cured such a bad case as mine." Sold under guarantee to do the same for you by J. E. King, Krone, and C. H. Walter's druggists, at 50c a bottle. Try them today.

GOES TO PEORIA.

Lazelle Called There to Appear for the Elks Lodge.

Frank Brown, more familiarly known as "Funny Lazelle," who has been amusing the crowds at the skating rink this week with his juggling, received a telegram from Peoria yesterday asking him to come to that city at once and put on his act at an entertainment given by the Elks there last night or tonight. He left at once. He will be back tomorrow and appear again at the Coliseum Saturday morning.

Thumbs Mashed.

George Hackett, manager of the Central Malleable Iron Works, met with a painful accident Tuesday evening. He was in the act of lifting a heavy piece of casting when he slipped and both thumbs were caught between the floor and the casting. The right thumb was dislocated and both were badly mashed. Dr. A. F. Wilhelmy gave them the necessary attention.

Torture of a Preacher.

The story of the torture of Rev. O. D. Moore, pastor of the Baptist church of Harpersville, N. Y., will interest you. He says, "I suffered agonies because of a persistent cough, resulting from the grip. I had to sleep sitting up in bed. I tried many remedies, without relief until I took Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. Coughs and Colds, which entirely cured my cough and saved me from consumption. A grand cure for diseased conditions of throat and lungs." At J. E. King's, Krone's, and C. H. Walter's drug stores. Price 50c and $1; guaranteed. Trial bottles 10c.

TO PREACH FUNERAL.

Rev. J. W. Eckman, 832 West Wood street, has received a request to preach the funeral of Mrs. Thomas Brown, which takes place at her home in Springfield tomorrow afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. Mrs. Brown was a sister of Rev. John Short of Jacksonville.

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NEARBY TOWNS

LAND SEEKERS GO TO TEXAS

Party from Piatt County Go to Houston, Texas, to Prospect.

...o, Ill., Dec. 20.—James Peck ...day with a party of four from ...two from Bement, for Houston. Their intentions are to in... southern land. They will be ...t ten days. Mr. Peck runs ...ker excursions to the south ...weeks.

...forty young men held a skate ...'s rink last evening.

...res will be open until eight ...til after the holidays.

...George Higgins held her sale ...

...Smith and sister, Miss Mary, ...hicago this morning.

...r W. J. Porter left for Chi...ay.

...Clerk J. C. Lippett is no bet...

...Bash is on the mend, after a ...illness.

...Reed is spending a few days ...town.

WYCKLES.

...s, Dec. 20.—J. A. Roney's new ...at this place will soon be ...as all the outside work is ...y for plastering.

...McMillan and family moved ...y of last week to Macon.

...Nichols is at St Mary's hos... treatment. His parents visit... Sunday and say he is improv...

...Miller and family of Macon ...at the home of their brother, ...Glasser, on Saturday evening.

...al services are still in progress ...Union school house.

...Leonard's team ran away Mon...ing and the wagon struck his ...ran over his legs, but fortu... bones were broken.

...Glasgow and family spent ...in Decatur.

...les Moffit and wife spent Sun... his sister Mrs. John Hanks. ...ristown, whose daughter was ...sick.

...Filson and wife and daughter, ...ily, visited at their father's, ...r Filson.

...and Mrs. T. S. Leonard spent ...at Maroa.

...Saturday G. Querry's team be... frightened in Decatur and ran breaking the neckyoke and run... to a baby buggy, throwing it ...twenty feet.

...ter Rouch and wife of Macon ...the guests of Asa Gulick and ...Saturday evening.

...Wm. Doyle was a visitor at ...ouck's Tuesday.

...Wm. Sawyer Jr. visited her ...Mrs. J. Williams, in Decatur ...

MONTICELLO.

...ticello, Dec 20.—M. L. Henier of ...and formerly of this city, was ...Monday.

Mrs. Katherine McBride of Decatur ...guest of her son, J. F. Hott, and ...ghter, Mrs. Frank Scott.

...Freeman of Decatur was here ...business Monday.

Mrs. Maude Johnson returned Mon... from DeLand, where she has been ...isiting her parents, Henry Gessford ...d wife.

Miss Ina Huff of Cerro Gordo was Monticello visitor Monday.

Wilbur Stevenson and daughter, Ly...and Laura, went to Chicago Tues... to attend the stock show.

Willis Davison has secured a posi...in Oklahoma City, in the tele... company under Emery Wester...

William Dighton left Tuesday to ...a few days in Chicago.

...ry Cornelius and Otis Beisecker ...wives left Tuesday for Oklahoma, ...they will make their future ...

...Sackriter will hold its Christ... dinner next Sunday at one o'clock.

...st Sunday a number of relatives ...red at the home of David Hud... the south part of town to cele... his sixty-eighth birthday.

...number of our citizens attended ...sale of the George Higgins estate Tuesday at his late residence east Monticello.

J. C. Lippett is confined to his home ...illness.

...rles Luft of Ivesdale visited his ...Mrs. Milton Mitchell, on Monday.

...H. Ownby of LaPlace transact... business here on Tuesday.

...Summers of near Lodge, was ...city Tuesday.

...attendance in the primaries have ...down on account of the diph... scare, there being but twelve in ...three in Miss Goldtrap's room ...

MIDLAND.

...d. Dec. 20.—J. B. Humphrey ...Hill, transacted business in ...Saturday.

...party was well attended at ...Smith's last Saturday.

...tata will be given at the C. P. ...next Monday night and all ...come and witness it.

...M. Safly and wife drove down ...Lincoln Saturday and remained ...ght with Robert Parks and fam...

...Parker, who is in the employe ...Decatur Review, came home ...y to visit his parents. His sis...ile, also came home.

...and Della Decker went to ...Saturday evening to visit ...relatives and friends, returning ...Monday morning.

...eight-months-old son of David ...died Monday about 1 o'clock. ...ent was at McClimans cemetery.

...Summers has received a con... of desks for the Wallace ...use.

...Laughery delivered his hogs ...to Persinger of Kenney.

WARRENSBURG.

...Correspondence.

...sburg, Dec. 20.—Miss Bertha ...Niantic, is visiting Mrs. B. D. ...

...cial request the Mother Goose ...ment given by the Junior ...ast Friday night will be re... next Saturday night, December ...the M. E. church.

...M. Ritchie started to San ...Tex., Monday.

...adies of the Pilgrim church ...a bakery sale in C. J. Tuck... Saturday afternoon.

...M. G. Thompson and daughter, ...Gertrude, left Tuesday for San ...Tex., where they will spend ...mainder of the winter.

...and boys with some of ...ladies are practicing a play ...they expect to give in the near ...

HINDSBORO.

Special Correspondence.

Hindsboro, Dec. 20.—C. E. Helm, who has been suffering with rheumatism for some time, is able to attend to business again.

Charles Madden, of Cloud Chief, Okla., returned to his home Monday, after several days of business here.

George and Al. Dickson left Tuesday for Arkansas to visit relatives.

Bert Crewiston has been appointed administrator of his father's estate.

C. H. Carnahan and others left on Monday for Mississippi.

John Parker and C. A. Peck are visiting in Arkansas and Missouri.

Rev. Frank Shane of Mason preached at the Christian church Saturday and Sunday.

James A. Wright has traded the Simpson house and grounds for 180 acres of land in Fayette county and will move in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. Everet Burton were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Helm Wednesday.

The new residences of Harry Cranford and William Patterson are near completion.

L. Peck while at school Monday was crowded against the wall and an ugly gash cut above one of his eyes by a nail.

Elder Herrall will preach his closing sermon for the year at this place Sunday, December 24. He has been pastor of the Christian church here for two years.

The court of Honor gave a supper Monday night in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh, who will soon move to Missouri.

WAGON HIT BY SWITCH ENGINE

Harry Smith of Clinton Had a Close Call at Freight House.

Special Correspondence.

Clinton, Dec. 20.—Harry Smith of East Macon street, came near being killed at the freight depot crossing Tuesday noon. He was driving his father's devilery wagon and while crossing the tracks, a switch engine struck the rear of his wagon and threw it upward and into Harry. The horse ran away and the boy managed to get free from the wreck with a badly bruised leg, but found no bones were broken. This is a very dangerous crossing, and a number of people have been killed there.

E. G. Argo and wife went to Lexington, Okla., to remain several weeks with their daughter, Mrs. John Graham.

Irvin Reynolds and Mrs. Laura Warner, both of Wapella, were married Tuesday by Justice A. J. Richey.

F. G. Hinckley has returned from the Decatur hospital where he underwent an operation.

Robert Reed who is attending military school in Mexico, Mo., is home until after the holidays.

The Illinois Central has contracted with the Bell Telephone Company to complete its line between Chicago and New Orleans by building the stretch from Kentucky to New Orleans.

H. M. Blome has opened a retail tobacco store in the new Blome building on East Main street. He has a complete line of smoker's goods, and a reading room for the "smoker" in the rear.

Manager Landgraf, of the coliseum, will give a hard times party on skates Thursday evening at the skating rink.

The Clinton schools will close Friday for a two weeks' vacation.

Jacob Tick bought the old store building which has been occupied by Conant's bakery and removed it onto a lot of Frank Palmer's on East Main street, in connection with his poultry house.

Mrs. W. O. Rogers went to Ballsville Tuesday to attend the funeral of her little niece.

Sylvester Grimes is extra carrier at the post office during the Christmas rush of business.

Mrs. Dana McCann has returned home from a few days' visit with friends in Decatur.

Mrs. Fanny Magill has returned from a few days visit with her daughter in Decatur.

Jack Miller of Freeport is the guest of his sister for a few days.

Mrs. Edmons and daughter of South Jackson Ave., have gone to Chicago to spend the holidays.

Miss Gussie Fackrell who has a position in Bloomington, has arrived home for a few weeks' vacation.

Miss Mary McGraw has gone to Chicago to spend the holidays with friends.

J. W. Kelly of Ellsworth, Ill., who has been visiting his sister, Mrs. Marrow has returned home.

Miss Millie McCannon of Wapella, was a guest of the family of S. M. Pollock.

Miss Mayme Pollock is assisting her sister, Mrs. Parris, in moving to Champaign.

Foster Bowman of Mason City, has taken a positon in the Register printing office.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Davidson of Freeport, who have been visiting with friends in Clinton, have returned home.

Mrs. Mollie Reed and children of Freeport are visiting friends in our city until after the holidays.

Roy Ainsley and wife of Gibson City are visiting the latter's mother in this place.

Miss Margaret Smith of Bloomington is visiting friends here for a few days.

The Epworth league will give their Christmas program on Sunday evening.

Lewis Pelton who is attending dental college in Chicago, is home to spend the holidays with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McKinley of Pana are guests of friends in Clinton.

Bert Gober has returned home rom De Soto, Mo., where he has been for the past few weeks.

Miss Essie Fish who is cashier at Brown & Brown's dry goods store, has been ill for the past week and unable to be in the store.

Monday evening a number of ladies went to the home of Frank Atkinson on West Jefferson street and enjoyed an old fashioned comfort tacking.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Voss of Mansfield are visiting at the home of the former's father, Mr. Lewis Voss.

W. Lemon and Clifford Fish who are attending a military academy in Lexington, Mo., are home until after the holidays.

Miss Elizabeth Mackin went to Decatur Wednesday to visit with friends.

Clark Post is confined to his home on South Madison street with tonsilitis.

F. J. Barrum and Dr. J. R. Spaulding are attending the stock show in Chicago.

MAROA.

Maroa, Dec. 20.—Joseph Barnett and wife and son Orval left Tuesday for a month's visit in Denver, Colo.

The special election Tuesday to fill the vacancy in council by the death of Pius Huff and moving away of Elliot James resulted in the election of George Vernon, anti-license, and Ort Fort, license. The council now stands 4-2 in favor of anti-license but will have no effect on the saloon question until next May.

RAILROADS FORM A COMBINATION

To Secure An Enforcement of the Elkins Law—Will Furnish Evidence.

ARE PLAYING EVEN.

Hollister Quits I. C.—Local and General News.

Western railroad presidents have determined that hereafter all railroads in their territory shall obey the laws upon pain of certain exposure and prosecution provided they do not do so. At a meeting of the executive officials of western roads held in Chicago Tuesday a remarkable agreement was entered into with a view of compelling a strict adherence to the provisions of the interstate commerce and Elkins laws. By its terms every road binds itself to inform the interstate commerce commission of any acts which shall hereafter be committed by any road in violation of the law.

For the purpose of keeping in close touch with the situation it was agreed that the roads should appoint a committee whose members shall represent the various western freight associations and whose duty it shall be to canvass the situation from time to time and to report any and all violations of the law. Should any be reported, it will become the duty of this committee to inform the interstate commerce commission of the fact and to furnish that body with all evidence possible in the event of an investigation.

No opposition to the plan developed during the various meetings of executive officials which have been held upon the subject. It was the general opinion that since the law had abrogated the penitentiary clause and substituted a fine against the railroad violating the law, railroad men should no longer feel any delicacy in informing regarding infractions of the law.

The Baby Act.

Pennsylvania legislators, incensed because their free pass privileges have been curtailed by the railroads, propose to introduce some retaliatory measures during the special session to be held next month. They expect to push a bill that will make it a misdemeanor for any railroad to charge for more mileage than actually exists. This would aim at the Pennsylvania company, which has been reducing its mileage between Chicago and Pittsburg and Philadelphia, and that city and New York, during the past twenty years, reducing the mileage practically fifty miles, yet charging the old time schedule of rates. A ticket between Pittsburg and Philadelphia at three cents a mile for 354 miles costs $10.62. It is known that the distance has been reduced forty-six miles by change of routes, cut-offs in the mountains and other track improvements.

The number of miles between New York and Philadelphia has been reduced yet patrons of the road, according to the legislators, have never received the benefit of the change. Within the past few years the railroad has shortened the route between Pittsburg and Harrisburg approximately ten miles. The price of a ticket between those points, however, remains the same.

Western Pass Agreement.

In Chicago Tuesday at a meeting of the lines included in the western pass agreements, arrangements were made to carry the agreements into effect in 1906. No effort was made to follow the example of the eastern roads with respect to the abolition of passes. The western lines will continue to issue passes and half rates under certain conditions.

Quits the I. C.

Harry Hollister, for years Illinois Central agent at Tuscola, has resigned and become agent for the Frisco at Johnson City, Ill., at an increase of $40 a month. Hollister was agent at Mattoon for a short time, but resigned.

Transportation Inspector.

P. J. O'Brien, transportation inspector for the Wabash, was here yesterday from St. Louis. He is looking over the field and giving instructions concerning some of the new printed forms which are being put into use on that system.

From New Mexico.

Engineer Tom Casey of the north end who is in New Mexico with his wife because of her ill health, writes to some of his Wabash friends saying that while he cannot notice any marked improvement in her general health she has been able to sleep and rest since she went to that place and that is more than she could do when she was at their home in Chicago.

Engineer Casey was granted an indefinite leave when he went away and the length of his stay depends entirely upon the benefit that Mrs. Casey enjoys from her sojourn in the southwest.

Effective Friday.

The real holiday travel is expected to commence tomorrow because this is the date that the cheap rates become effective—one and one-third fare for the round trip. The roads in this territory offer these rates to far points this year and that is something new. One may go to any point between Pittsburg and Denver at the holiday rate whereas under the old plan the tickets were sold only to points within a hundred miles of the starting point.

Chair car 1363, baggage car 277 and combination car 351 of Wabash trains 15 and 18 between Decatur and St. Louis have been taken into the Decatur shops for an overhauling.

Engineer Paul Roltz of the Wabash yard service was taking time yesterday to buy Christmas presents.

Conductor Ed Terry was on in the place of Conductor James Bump yesterday in the passenger service between Danville and St. Louis.

Simplifying the Work.

One of the efforts of the new management of the Wabash is to simplify the work as much as possible and to make it uniform. Hereafter all requests to be used in every instance will be alike. Up to this time practically every department has had a request form to be used when passes were asked for. This is to be changed and every officer on the system will use the same form. Where there were a dozen or more forms of that kind it made just that many separate jobs of printing. Hereafter there will be only one job but there will be more impressions taken from the approved form.

Light Travel.

Wednesday local travel was light in and out of Decatur. The two last days are expected to more than make up for that because during that time all of this week round trip local tickets will be sold at one and a third fare if it is the intention of the traveler to use the return portion within the prescribed limit.

TWO WILLS FILED.

Those of Mrs. Mary Brown and Joseph Stearns Admitted to Probate.

The will of the late Mrs. Mary Brown was admitted to probate in the county court. The will provides that all of the estate go to the daughter Eva Brown. The estate consist of a house and lot in Oakland Place and about $100 in personal property. The daughter is named as executrix and gave bond in the sum of $300 without surety.

The will of the late Joseph Stearns was filed for probate in the county court and Judge Smith set January 10 as the date for the hearing.

HEAVY PROPERTY LOSS IN WRECK

Thousands of Dollars In Money and Jewelry Destroyed at Lang, Kan.

Kansas City, Dec. 20.—Besides the loss of life in the Santa Fe train wreck at Lang, Kansas, Tuesday there was also about five thousand in gold, nine thousand in currency and many thousand dollars' worth of jewelry destroyed by the express car attached to the train taking fire.

CONVICTS TURN INTO RESCUERS

Save Women Prisoners From Work House on Blackwell Island.

New York, Dec. 20.—Fire early today destroyed the women's work house on Blackwell Island. The male convicts marshaled by keepers and saved 690 frantic female prisoners by heroic efforts from the cells on the top floor of the building and fifty others from the hospital beds, besides aiding greatly in fighting the flames.

NEGROES MADE THREATS TO DO HARM

William Thomas and Frank Yarberry Taken In by Police.

William Thomas and Frank Yarberry, two negroes, were arrested last night for making threats. The two men were boarding with Alex Bankham on East Prairie street. They were going away without paying their bill and got into a dispute with the landlord. They finally left in anger and said they would get even and threatened to do the landlord harm. Tuesday night two men were seen lurking around the place and one of them was thought to be Yarberry. The landlord was afraid the men would come back and set fire to his house or do some other harm and he requested their arrest. Both men were locked up and a warrant was sworn out against him.

HUMMEL GUILTY OF CONSPIRACY

New York Lawyer Found Guilty of the Charge In Morse-Dodge Divorce.

New York, Dec. 20.—Abraham H. Hummel, the lawyer, was today convicted of conspiracy.

The charge to the jury was begun by Justice Rogers in the Supreme court today. Hummel is charged with conspiring to have the divorce of Mrs. C. W. Morse from Charles F. Dodge declared void, in order to nullify her marriage with Morse.

MAN FOUND HIS EAR ON A SHELF

Maimed Fighter Had a Sorry Awakening After an Altercation.

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 20.—Michael Malielwicz of 521 North Olden avenue awoke this morning with a stinging sensation about the right side of his head and found his right ear lying on a piece of paper on a shelf beside his bed. He became frightened and called for help.

Then he was told by those in the house that he had been drinking last night and that he had had a narrow escape with his life after a desperate struggle with Vincent Gundozel, a bourder in the house. Gundozel had plunged a knife into Malielwicz's scalp tearing a hole several inches long to the skull. The next plung sliced off the ear. The fight had then been stopped by a fellow boarder.

The police today arrested both men and Malielwicz was sent to St. Francis' hospital.

BANK DOOR OPEN.

Night Watchman Swartz Makes Discovery at Citizens' National.

Night Watchman Swartz found the door of the Citizens' National bank open at 7 o'clock Wednesday night. He secured a key and locked the door. About 9 p. m. he passed the place and the janitor was inside. The janitor was scared. He said he had entered the place to clean it a few minutes before and he thought he felt a shock and heard something like someone was drilling down stairs. He feared a robber was trying to get in the vault. The officer went through the basement but did not find anything that looked suspicious.

GRAIN BINS GIVE WAY

Farmers' Team Was Buried at Bethany On Tuesday.

A peculiar accident occurred at Bethany Tuesday about noon. While a farmer was unloading a load of corn at Noble's elevator, a section of the outer wall gave way, dumping about 5,000 bushels of corn onto the Illinois Central track, the farmer's wagon and team going down as though a landslide had occurred. The man was uninjured but the horses were cut and scratched up some, although not badly hurt. After the corn had ceased to run from the bins nothing could be seen of the horses except their heads, while the farmer was completely buried. The loss will probably amount to about $300.00, repairs and all.

CONSCIENCE HURT HIM

Roseville Man Sends 37 Cents to C., B. & Q. Agent for Old Fare.

Roseville, Ill., Dec. 20.—Agent George B. Ingles was considerably surprised to receive the following letter from a man whose conscience was hurting him:

"Agent C., B. & Q. R. R. Co., Roseville, Ill.—Please put the enclosed 37 cents in the funds of the C., B. & Q. Railway company. It is in payment of a railroad fare from Roseville to Monmouth some years ago. The ticket being overlooked by the conductor, it was used for a second ride."

The letter was not dated or signed. Mr. Ingles has sent the money where it undoubtedly will go into the company's "conscience fund."

IN TOUCH WITH WALL ST.

Tatlock of the Washington Life Says That Is Essential.

OUR METHODS WILD.

New York, Dec. 20.—The Washington Life, German Life and Bankers' Life Insurance companies divided the attention of the legislative insurance investigating committee today. John Tatlock, president of the Washington Life, finished his testimony. He declared that personally he favored distribution of earnings every five years. Tatlock said he thought the insurance companies should be run by men in touch with Wall street because of their knowledge of the security market. He also favored the idea of the insurance companies speculating in securities.

Cornelius Doremus, president of the Germania Life, said that about one-third of his company's business was done in Europe, principally in Germany, and that this business in many respects is better than any done in America. He declared it to be more stable, there being few lapses, while the cost is a great deal less than in America. Medical direction is also better in Germany, he said.

He characterized American ways of doing business as "wild methods." The only contribution of a legislative character paid by this company was $500 to a fund having for its object the defeat of the mortgage tax law, and $250 to further the passage of the lien bill in Albany in 1904. No campaign contributions had ever been made.

E. L. Bayliss, who collected the fund to defeat the mortgage tax law, said on the stand today that he had secured a fund of $22,000 for this purpose.

BISHOP IS MADE MEMBER

Of the Isthmian Commission By President Roosevelt.

Washington, Dec. 20.—President Roosevelt today appointed Joseph Bucklin Bishop as a member of the Isthmian canal commission to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Chief Engineer Wallace. Bishop has been secretary and historian of the commission.

SUNDAY NOT DEAD.

False Report Circulated About the Evangelist.

Burlington, Ia., Dec. 20.—There is no truth in the report from Florence, Col., today that Evangelist Sunday died here. He left here in good health Monday for his home in Chicago.

QUEER FADS OF BALL PLAYERS.

How the Late Pete Browning Took a Cue from Thompson.

Professional baseball players develop eccentricities more rapidly and more violently than any other class of people in the world, possibly excepting school teachers.

Mostly they run to the game they play, and their peculiarities center around that. And almost all of their cranks are about batting. Old Pietro Gladiator Browning, the lamented, probably had more of those ideas than any one. He used systems to keep his "lampteeners," as he called his eyes, clear—such as smoking cigarettes, washing them out with rain water that was falling. Every time it rained in Louisville in those days the old gladiator stood with upturned face and let the rain wash his eyes out, and the next day he got "bingles." And Petie could hit. He made his own bats, and used different ones against different pitchers.

But one of the oddest fancies he ever had was shown in Louisville one day. Pete was playing right field as usual—and he was intensely jealous of Sam Thompson, who was playing left for Philadelphia. Pete had seen Thompson hit in a series a few days earlier, and he saw his peer as a singer. Immediately he began to study Thompson's methods.

One afternoon at Louisville Gaffney, who was umpiring, noticed that every time Browning came in from the field he crossed from right to left and then paraded towards the plate, stepping on third base as he came. Gaff was annoyed because Browning was delaying the game and remarked:

"Pete, what are you wasting time that way for? Why don't you come in straight from right?"

"I wanted to touch third base coming in," replied Pete.

"What for?" asked the surprised umpire.

"I don't know," said Pete. "But Thompson always does it."

Little Roy Thomas of Philadelphia is as quiet and sensible a little fellow as there is in baseball, but he too, has an oddity. He refuses utterly to go to the plate without walking back of the umpire. He bats left handed and parades back of the umpire and then up to the plate. One day at Philadelphia, Tim Hurst backed up against the grand stand and stood there as a joke on Thomas. The little fellow said nothing, but gave up his superstition for once, went to bat and struck out.

Roger Connor Uses Sandpaper In Taking Care of His Bats.

Big Roger Connor, who helped invent the game and is still hitting them high up and far away down in some little eastern league, with a couple of his grandchildren playing on the team, had a superstition about his bats. He cared for them as if they were children and always kept a piece of glass and some sandpaper and a little bottle of oil in one of his bat bags so that he could scrape and polish and oil his war clubs at night.

One night in Boston I slipped up to Rog's room to have a chat with him and found him in bed. There was something I wanted to find out, so I went in and sat down on the edge of the bed to talk it over. I threw myself down hard and came near breaking my back.

Rog was sleeping with half a dozen of his favorite war clubs, planning to drive some poor pitcher to the woods the next day.

Even Anson had his peculiarities. One day in a bantering match on the train Griffith accused Cap of being superstitious, and the Old Man denied it.

"You know you dream about things and think the dreams mean something," said Grif.

"Well," conceded Anson, "I'm not superstitious, but you bet your life, if I dreamed Friend was getting hit hard I wouldn't let him pitch the next day."

Jimmy Ryan Uses Bats That Have Worm Holes In Them.

Hardly anyone would think that Jimmy Ryan, the old national league star, now managing the Evansville team in the Central League was superstitious, but about his bats he is. He never would use any bat that did not have a band of red around it and a worm hole in it. I remember one day in Boston Ryan was in the dumps because some young pitcher had broken his favorite bat. He and I went for a walk, and in some little news stand up Washington street he spied a bunch of old shop dried bats. We went in, and Ryan selected a red banded bat, seasoned perfectly.

On the way back to the hotel Ryan discovered three worm holes in the bat.

"There'll be some great hitting today," he remarked. "I'll get three good wallops at the ball."

"How do you figure that?"

"Three worm holes—I'll get one for each," he replied seriously.

I laughed of course, but that afternoon he smashed two across the left field fence and stung a single to center.

Apropos of nothing at all, as the debater remarked when he got up to answer his opponent, I want to tell the story of a decision that was given by the umpire out in Creston, Ia. He was a home umpire. Creston was playing Corning, and the rivalry between the teams was intense. Creston was leading 6 to 5 in the ninth inning, but the home pitcher was wilder than a hawk. The bases were filled in a minute, and another batter was up. "One ball, two balls, three balls, four balls—you're out," said the umpire.

"What's the matter with you?" demanded the batter. "I get my base, don't I?"

"Under ordinary circumstances you would," said the umpire, "but you can see for yourself the bases are full, where in ——— am I going to put you?"

CALL BACK THE NAMES

Senate Wants to Take Further Action On the Canal Commissioners.

ARE AFTER SHONTS

Washington, Dec. 20.—Confirmations by the senate of nominations of members of the Isthmian canal commission were re-considered today in executive session and a motion was adopted calling upon the president for a return of the notification of senate's previous action. When this has been done the nominations again will be referred to the inter oceanic canal commission for consideration.

Before the decision was reached to reconsider the vote charges of "railroading" nominations were made by several minority senators and counter charges that the protestants were proceeding in a manner not prescribed by the rules of the senate were made by republican senators.

Discussion developed the fact that there had been no poll of the canal commission nominations in question and as a result objection to reconsideration was withdrawn. It is generally understood the purpose of minority in asking to have the nominations returned is to permit a protest against Chairman Shonts holding a position on the commission and presidency of the Clover Leaf railroad at the same time.

SENATOR IS FINED.

Oakland Lawmaker Gets Into Trouble Down in Jasper County.

Oakland, Dec. 20.—It is reported in this city that State Senator Staunton C. Pemberton of Oakland was fined for violating the hunting laws while down in Jasper county last week in search of the big game which is said to be around there.

After the statesman had paid one fine another warrant was sworn out for him and other members of his party, and in order to avoid any more trouble the Oakland citizen rode fourteen miles to the nearest railway station and made his way back to his native wilds as rapidly as possible. The senator's friends in Oakland are having great sport now at his expense.

Plumbers Are Working Overtime.

Casey, Dec. 20.—The Vandalia Gas company has notified patrons of a reduction in rates. Where patrons consume less than 25,000 cubic feet of gas the price will be 20 cents a 1,000 cubic feet, while over that amount 15 cents will be charged. The original contract called for 25-cent gas. The plumbers are working overtime, so anxious are citizens to make connections.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS LODGES CONSOLIDATE

Mattoon Now Has Largest and Strongest Lodge of the Order.

Mattoon, Dec. 20.—An event long anticipated and labored for by a host of members of both Palestine and Sunset lodges, Knights of Pythias, in this city came to pass Monday night when both lodges, by unanimous vote, decided to consolidate and become on organization.

The movement to merge has been on foot several weeks, and joint committees of five members from each lodge were appointed to arrange for the consolidation and to make all other necessary arrangements, such as selecting officers for the new organization and to comply with all of the laws of the grand lodge in such cases.

The members of Sunset lodge were the first to reach a decision and as they decided to drop their name of Sunset lodge, No. 225, and become a part of the older lodge, Palestine, No. 45. The lodge was declared at ease long enough for the members to lend vent to their feeling in three cheers for the new lodge. The cheers reached to the front room, where the same action had just been taken. The Sunset members were invited into the large room and a "love feast" was participated in by the members of both lodges. Speeches were made by some fifteen or twenty knights, and rousing cheers were prevalent over the result.

By the action taken Monday night Palestine lodge No. 45 of Mattoon will be the largest organization of the order in the state of Illinois.

MRS. LEAFGREEN ON THE STAND

Woman Married In Decatur Twenty Years Ago Fights for Fortune.

ORIGINAL LICENSE SHOWN

The Woman Identifies Her Signature to That Document.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 20.—Mrs. Mary Leafgren was on the witness stand today in the probate court in her contest for one-half of the $500,000 estate of the late Laclede J. Howard, a wealthy brick manufacturer of this city, whom she asserts she married at Decatur, Ill., in 1883.

She repeated the story of her first meeting in 1880 or 1881 with a man she knew as Charley Howard, but whom she married in 1883 under the name of Henry Howard.

The original marriage certificate of Mary Moore and Henry Howard, brought by a deputy clerk from Macon county, Illinois, was exhibited and Mrs. Leafgreen identified her signature on the document.

She testified that when she showed Rev. W. H. Musgrove, the minister who performed the ceremony, a photograph of Laclede J. Howard a short time after the latter's death, in 1903, Mr. Musgrove told her the face was familiar to him but he could not say positively it was that of a man to whom he had marride her twenty years before. She also testified Mr. Musgrove told her at the time he had no recollection of ever having seen her before.

HOUSE CONTINUES TO SHOOT CLAY PIGEONS

That Is the Way One Member Describes Talking Match.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The house continued to "shoot clay pigeons" today, as one member put it, and debate on general topics continued for five hours. It is understood that with the adjournment today the general debate on the president's message, which has been in progress for several days, has been concluded and the session tomorrow is to be brief, when adjournment for the holidays will be taken.

The feature of the discussion today was the defense of the agricultural department by southern members who endorsed the government cotton statistics. The accuracy of these statistics during the past year, as stated by Mr. Bowie of Alabama, had been seven-tenths of one per cent from the actual crop.

The house agreed to the conference report on the Panama canal appropriation bill and passed a bill for the relief of Council City and the Solomon River Railway Company of Alaska.

LADIES' AUXILIARY.

To Sons of Veterans Meets and Elects Officers.

At a meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Sons of Veterans, on Tuesday afternoon, at the hall of the Dunman Post, G. A. R., the following officers were elected:

President—Mary Enlow.
Vice President—Donna Fleming.
Secretary—Mary Waeckerle.
Treasurer—Eva Reynolds.
Chaplain—Rose Oren.
Guide—Minnie Garrow.
Assistant Guide—Alice Woolington.
Guard—Jane Lingle.
Trustees—Nellie Schultz, Mattie Bennington and Donna Fleming.
Delegates to Division Encampment at Galesburg in May—Emma Smith.
Alternate—Rose Oren.
Delegate to National Encampment at Peoria in September—Minnie Garrow.
Alternate—Mattie Bennington.

PHILIPPINE TARIFF.

Ways and Means Committee of House Make Report.

Washington, Dec. 20.—A favorable report of the ways and means committee of the house on the Payne Philippine tariff bill was formally presented to the house today, the hearing recently concluded having brought to light a few facts which were not presented to the committee at the last session. It was shown the cost of refined sugar made in the Philippines when delivered in New York is 3 8-10 cents a pound. The cost of refined beet sugar is said to be 3½ cents a pound in Colorado and 4 cents in Michigan. Therefore the committee say the cost of Philippine sugar is not as much lower as opponents of tariff reduction have stated.

FORAKER AND CULBERSON SPEAK

Senators in Clash over Question of Rate Legislation.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The only notable feature of the open session of the senate today was a brief discussion of the question of railroad legislation by Messrs. Foraker and Culberson. A controversy was precipitated by some remarks made by Foraker in connection with the request preferred by him for the printing of papers connected with a case recently before the interstate commerce commission. The Ohio Senator reiterated his position on the question of rate legislation, saying he differed from other senators only on the point as to remedies to be applied for the evils of which complaint had been made.

SULLIVAN WINS.

Chicago Man Victor in Long Legal Fight in Courts.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 20.—The supreme court today decided the celebrated case of Alexander Sullivan, growing out of the traction litigation in Chicago. The decision is in favor of Sullivan. The question at issue was the attempt to disbar as an attorney the former president of the Irish National league, and was the echo of a conspiracy trial in which courts some time ago gave victory to Sullivan. By today's ruling of the supreme court, disbarment proceedings are dismissed and the defendant is made final winner in all the courts.

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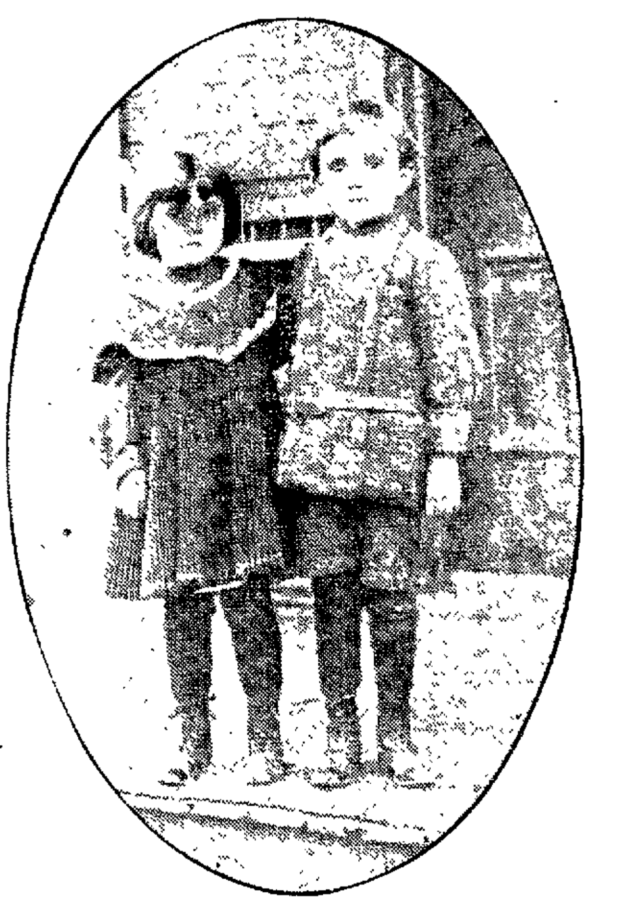
BEAUTIES FROM BABYLAND

Floyd A Barnes, 501 Central Avenue.

Charley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Maple, of St. Louis, formerly of Decatur, aged seven months.


George, aged 7 years, and sister Bernice, aged 6, children of Mr and Mrs. R. M. Doren, 1312 East Wood street.

Vernie Constant, daughter of Mr. and Mrs M. G. Constant, 439 East Leafland avenue.

DEFAULT ON BOND OF JOE GARRIGUS.

Jury Had Been Selected But the Defendant Did Not Appear for Trial.

HASTIE DAMAGE CASE.

Will Probably Go to the Jury This Evening.

In the county court Wednesday a default was taken on the bond of Joseph C. Garrigus, charged with false pretenses.

Some time ago Garrigus was indicted for giving a ten dollar check when he had no money in the bank. After his arrest he gave bond in the sum of $100, his former wife making the necessary arrangements for his release.

Wednesday the case was called in the county court to which it had been certified from the circuit court. The defendant was not present but his attorney, R. E. Gray, to facilitate the formalities of the case, stood for the defendant, while a jury was selected but not sworn. Then a recess was taken until Thursday morning. Attorney Gray was positive that the defendant would be present but he failed to appear when the case was called.

If the default is permitted to stand without protest or attempt to set it aside, it will be an expensive deliverance of Garrigus for his wife, because the man might have avoided any criminal prosecution if he had shown a disposition to square the case before it went to the grand jury, but it is said that he declined to make any such effort.

Witnesses Missing.

The case of the people vs. William and Nellie Kish, charged with keeping a house of ill-fame, was quilled by the state's attorney. First the court overruled a motion to quash the indictment. The defendants were then arraigned and entered pleas of not guilty. When the case had reached that stage Attorney Redmon entered a nolle as to... the court that the witnesses necessary to a successful prosecution of the case had left the county and could not be found by the authorities.

A Recess.

There has been a recess taken in the hearing of the criminal docket in the county court until January 2. There are several liquor cases on the docket for a hearing, saloon keepers being charged with selling liquor to inebriates.

THE CIRCUIT COURT.

Testimony in the Hastie Case Will Be Closed Today.

In the circuit court yesterday the suit of Van Hastie against the M. & C. Coal Co. for damages because of the accidental death of Hugh Hastie in the shaft of the defendant company, several months ago, was heard to the exclusion of all other business. There were no other orders on the dockets. The defendant is expected to close its testimony today and it is possible that the jury may get the case this evening.

MINISTERS PLEAD FOR SHOPLIFTER

Woman Says She Was Getting "Local Color" for Story of Theft.

New York, Dec. 21.—Three prominent clergymen appeared in the Jefferson Market police court today to intercede in behalf of a shoplifter, who gave the name of Lillian M. Cherry, and who said she lived at 2 West Ninety-second street. The prisoner was becomingly dressed, and appeared to be on the verge of collapse when brought into the court after a night in a cell.

The woman represented that she had given all of her time for several years to literary work, and said she was working up material for a story about how ... she was arrested in ... after she had ... all she could carry in her ... According to the prisoner, she was getting local color for the story.

The three clergymen were the Rev. Dr. David James Burrell, pastor of the Marble Collegiate Church at Twenty-ninth street and Fifth avenue, the Rev. H. Mottet of the same church, and the Rev. Dr. Ernest Hunter of the ... Presbyterian church at Ninety-first street and West End avenue. E. C. ... Rand, a ... in the latter church, and for many years a confidential man for Russell Sage, was in court also in behalf of the woman. To Magistrate Wahle representations were made that the woman was an ardent church worker, and a person of considerable literary talents. It was said that she had recently completed the writing of a book, the manuscript of which was in the hands of Doubleday, Page & Co., who were engaged in its publication. The clergymen were sure that the prisoner had not intended to commit any wrong.

Magistrate Wahle was not quite satisfied with the woman's defense, even though it had the indorsement of the clergymen, and held her for further examination today and fixed her bail at $500. Mr. Rand returned and gave bail for the prisoner.

Lillian M. Cherry is not known at the address she gave to the police. Doubleday, Page & Co. said that they had never received any manuscript from any person of her name, and had never heard of her in a literary way.

NARROW ESCAPES IN SEDALIA FIRE

One Man Badly Hurt When Katy Office Building Burns

Sedalia, Mo., Dec. 21.—The "Katy" building, a three story stone front structure owned by E. G. Cassady, burned at 7 o'clock this morning. The ground floor was occupied by the Hall & Kirby Dry Goods Co., owned by E. V. and F. C. White. The second and third floors were occupied by offices and sleeping rooms.

The fire originated in the basement of the Katy building. The origin is not known. The water supply was wholly inadequate and the building was entirely consumed. The loss is $40,000, with $15,000 insurance.

The White's loss is about $38,000, partially insured. The J. H. Reeves cigar store and barber shop was wrecked by the falling walls of the Katy building. The loss is $2,000 with $1,000 insurance. Nearly all the contents of the offices on the second and third floors were burned. Several persons had narrow escapes. J. F. McDougall, M. K. & T. freight agent had his scalp badly cut by a falling brick. Jesse Newton and Howard Moser were in the Reeves barber shop when the walls fell but escaped with a few scratches.

The snow of last night adjoining buildings from burning, although several of them were ignited during the two hours the fire was in progress. The fire was discovered by a negro porter in the Katy building at 6 o'clock.

WATTERS WILL SERVE SENTENCE

His Attorneys Decide Minimum Sentence Light Enough.

Special to The Herald.

Clinton, Dec. 2.—The motion for a new trial in the Watters murder trial was withdrawn at the night session of the circuit court Wednesday and Watters left on the Diamond special for Chester in charge of Deputy H. A. Campbell to begin serving his sentence. William Wyatt who received a penitentiary sentence last week, was also taken last night.

Mrs. H. A. Campbell and Mrs. Leonard Ingham accompanied Mr. Campbell for a visit to the penitentiary.

Big Bugs Present.

New York, Dec. 21.—The New England society in Brooklyn gave its annual dinner tonight in commemoration of the anniversary of the landing of the pilgrims. Senator Dolliver of Iowa, and Representative Bede of Minnesota were among the speakers.

Big Strike.

Moscow, Dec. 21.—Fifty thousand factory hands are idle. There has been some cases of disorder and a few conflicts. Troops are confined to barracks and every possible military preparation for eventualities has been made.

TWO BROTHERS BURN TO DEATH

Asleep Upstairs Could Not Be Aroused In Time.

Clarksburg, W. Va., Dec. 21.—William and Jefferson Davis, brothers, were burned to death today in a fire which completely destroyed the home of their parents at Johnstown. The men were asleep in the upper part of the house and could not be aroused in time to save their lives.

JAIL DELIVERY IN NEBRASKA

Three Men Overpower Jailor and Take All Firearms.

Kearney, Neb., Dec. 21.—Fred M. Gillette, W. B. Warner and Fred Englebrecht, the first two accused of forgery, and the third of horse stealing, escaped from jail here this evening. They overpowered the jailor and took with them all firearms in the jail. Officers are in pursuit.

KILLED COW THAT GORED HIM

Ranchman Protects His Life With a Winchester.

Pueblo, Colo., Dec. 21.—Raffael Fofacecca a ranchman residing at Vineland east of this city, was the victim this morning of a vicious attack by a frenzied cow and was badly gored in one of his arms and about the body. In spite of this he was arrested and brought to the city on complaint of the owner of the cow, which he killed after it gored him.

R. H. Griffin was driving his herd past Fofacecca's farm when the cow mentioned broke into the corral and attacked the rancher, who was trying to drive it out. The animal treed him under a wagon and chased members of his family who went to the rescue into the house.

The imprisoned man finally escaped, ran to the house, came out with his Winchester rifle, and killed the animal. Considerable litigation is expected from the case.

More Wild Rumors.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 21.—It is rumored here that insurgents have seized Windau, Friedrichstadt, Fratzenburg, Holdinge and other places and that a popular tribunal at Kopenhouseak has executed several officials.

Paris, Dec. 21.—The St. Petersburg correspondent to the Petit the Parisian says the government is preparing to suppress revolt in Baltic provinces and that large quantities of ammunition are being sent to fortress of Duenaburg.

A USEFUL INDIAN TREE.

In northern India, close to the foot of the Himalayas, grows the mahwa tree. Sugar is made from its flowers as well as a cordial and the tree proves itself useful in other ways. As a nut-bearing tree it has been known for many ages. It belongs to the sapotaceae (star-apple) family. Its blooming period lasts from the end of February until April. Quickly after the pollen is formed the whitish tubular flowers swell to balls about as large as cherries, which contain a large amount of invert sugar (honey). The flower tubes fall covering the ground in the greatest profusion. They are eagerly gathered by the natives and eaten. A tree yields from 200 to 300 pounds of flowers.

Rice is usually mixed with the fruit before it is eaten. The dried flowers have very much the taste and appearance of raisins. They are exported to Europe as curiosities, and are also used as food for animals. Distillation yields a large percentage of spirits, which diluted with water makes "daru," a native drink very much used. It comes on the market in oaken barrels and is highly esteemed by Europeans.

Besides the flowers the seed is of considerable use. They contain a fat of butter-like consistency, which serves as a food stuff. It is called "mowra," and the crude stuff is known as "illipe" and is used by the Europeans for making candles, soaps and the like. The wood is very hard and lasting and is much used for making wheels of the native bullock carts.

Evidence.

Mr. Isaacs—Vell, maybe der young man vas really in lofe mit you. I suppose you ought to know."

Miss Isaacs—"Vell, fader, I know he is jealous of ennabody vot wants to know how much money you haf."—Puck.

THE BOY AND THE SHARK

How a Plump Little Darky Narrowly Escaped.

The yellow fever was raging in the city of Vera Cruz that year, says St. Nicholas, and one of the largest West Indian liners which arrived on a certain day was obliged to anchor off in the harbor. A small boat, known as a dingy, floated astern, and in this an active young colored boy was busily at work washing off the seats. The boat lurched over with a sudden dip as the boy bore his weight on one of the thwarts, and Pedro heard a warning shout from the steamer's deck just in time to give one terrified glance around and to hear a noise he knew only too well.

Without an instant's hesitation he jumped overboard from the opposite side of the boat. For as he looked he caught sight of the jaws of a great shark which, spying this tempting morsel of a plump little darky boy, had leaped toward the careened boat with opened mouth. So vigorous was the leap that as Pedro went over one side of the boat the shark flopped in at the other. Not being used to these surroundings, and missing his prey, he floundered around until his head bore down the gun-wale and he slid from the careening boat into the sea again before the people on the steamer could fling a harpoon at him. Almost as he disappeared poor Pedro's head popped up on the opposite side of the boat and, in a terrible fright, he clambered into the dingy again, as thoroughly scared a young darky as ever had a narrow escape.

Had he not thus saved himself from the maneater, help from the steamer would have been necessary and even then it is more than probable that the boy would not have been saved. This is a remarkable instance of the ferocity of a shark seeking his prey out of the water.

HIS MIRACULOUS ESCAPE.

Engineer Rode on a Boiler That Exploded Under Him.

It will be a long time before Timothy Ardwheel will have another such ride as he had not long ago, says the St. Paul Pioneer Press.

He is an engineer in the Benbow & Co sawmill at Bigley Lake, in Le Seur county, and was engaged in making some repairs in the mill when the boiler blew up. He was sitting on a box on top of the boiler, and had hold with both hands on one of the pipes at the time of the explosion.

The boiler, which is a large one, flew out endways through the side of the engine house and curved up gracefully into the air. Ardwheel was protected by being behind the steam dome, and so was not injured when he went through the side of the engine house. Hanging on desperately, he continued to ride the huge projectile in his flight. Fifty feet farther on it turned sidewise, and bottom first, struck and then crashed entirely through a large warehouse. Ardwheel coming through the wreckage still uninjured.

On the other side of the warehouse is a deep lake, and into this and to the bottom of it went Ardwheel's iron balloon, followed by its unfortunate rider. A few seconds later Ardwheel rose to the surface and swam ashore somewhat surprised and dazed, but not at all harmed.

BIRDS THAT ARE MISSED.

The Most Difficult Shot in the Opinion of Sportsmen.

It is a fact that the crack sometimes misses, and the object of this article is to show by a consensus of opinion what shots they are which puzzle the men of absolutely high rank, says the Badminton Magazine. Appended are quotations from some of the views which have been expressed by such authorities at more or less length.

Lord Walsingham writes. "The most difficult shot I know of is a bird which comes straight over your head at a moderate height, and which, for some reason, such as an empty gun or a thick wood close in front, cannot be shot when approaching. You must then turn around and shoot under the bird as it is going away. If you let it go far it becomes almost impossible, and if you are ever so quick, with a second gun or otherwise, you have to calculate how far to hold below the bird that it may fly into the charge, the object being to put the shot under the neck feathers, and not through the tail—a calculation which is extremely difficult to make instantaneously. It comes off all right when you know how to do it, but I have seen very few men who could kill such a bird with any degree of certainty. Of course, if the bird is the least on one side of the other, the shot becomes comparatively easy."

Earl de Grey thinks that a high pheasant coming down wind with a drop and a curl is the bird that there is most excuse for missing and that is oftenest missed.

The marquis of Granby concludes a full expression on his views "On the whole, however, it has always seemed to me that a genuinely 'tall' pheasant, when 'sailing' with perfectly motionless wings, especially when 'curling' and possibly almost imperceptibly dropping in its flight as well, is by far the most difficult bird to kill."

Prince Victor Duleep Singh agrees with the majority, and says "To my mind, the most difficult shot is a high dropping pheasant with a wind behind, coming over high trees and over the guns placed in a narrow cutting or valley. This makes it imperative to take a snapshot at the bird, and as its wings are perfectly motionless one has no visible sign of its speed. I'm afraid I express myself very badly, but I could show you what I mean, for instance, at the beech tree rise at Highclere."

Lord Ashburton writes "I think the most difficult shot you can have is a pheasant, when about thirty-five or forty yards away, crossing you and dropping from some height, with his or her wings motionless. You have, of course, two different allowances to make, one for the distances and the other for the rapidity of fall; added to which the wings being outstretched and motionless, seem to afford considerable protection. It is, fortunately, a shot which does not often present itself, but I have never yet seen pheasants well killed under these circumstances."

Mr. Henry Stoner gives a hint "With regard to difficult shots, I should most certainly say a high cock pheasant in the open, flying down the line of guns with his wings outstretched and motionless, is the most difficult shot I know, and I am sure the best way to kill a bird of this kind is to take a snapshot at him."

Lord Westbury says: "I am sorry to be unable to plead guilty to being 'a shot of exceptional merit,' but I've frequently seen shots of that description make very indifferent practice on cock pheasants dropping across the open with outstretched wings from a very high covert into a low covert behind, particularly when twenty-five yards wide, the birds having a good outside (i. e., away from the shooter) 'curl' on. I find it almost impossible to allow for the pace the drop and the curl. In my opinion pheasants, are, under certain conditions, the most difficult of ordinary game birds to kill properly."

A. E. Gathorne-Hardy, "In my opinion, by far the most difficult shot is at a pheasant which has come straight at you too low to shoot at in front, which you turn around to, and try to take going away."

Arthur Portman considers "Far and away the most difficult birds to shoot are high pheasants, the hardest of all to kill, in my opinion, being a soaring bird coming off a hill with its wings out. These floaters are going far, faster than they appear to and, in consequence, judging the pace they travel at, is almost impossible when there is no apparent movement of the wing. Another very hard pheasant to kill is a low bird crossing to the right some way off."

A HUNDRED YEARS FROM NOW

What New York Will Be Like When a Century Has Rolled By.

Comptroller Grout's scheme for a city on the Jamaica bay islands and flats is apparently prompted by commercial considerations. Mr. Grout never has shown any of the marks of a dreamer. But to get the scheme so completely in his head as it seems to be he must have seen both Venice and the White City of 1893, says the New York Mail.

We can imagine the salt water city in Jamaica bay, with real palaces standing on the shores of grand canals, electric gondolas playing gayly up and down, and beautiful arched bridges, not of sighs, but of smiles, spanning the watery thoroughfares. But our constructive imagination should not get stuck in the mud between Rockaway and Canarsie. Why not future and conceive what Greater New York will be when it has down to its really distinctive state, as the cities of Europe have done?

New York is as new and unformed today as almost any city of the great west. Anyone who is able to recall how Broadway looked, or how the city as a whole looked, ten years ago, remembers a New York of a totally different aspect from the one that we see today.

Changes as great are in store. The completion of the new rapid-transit system will bring about many readjustments. It will create new concentrations of traffic, and call for great structures in new places. It will begin to reflect itself in the sky-line very soon after its completion.

Year by year this line will become less ragged. The gaps will climb up toward the level of the tops of the high scrapers. London and Paris are fairly uniform because economic considerations have made them so. Any new city is ragged because it has uncompleted gaps. When we are completed the higgledy-piggledy era will be over. If nothing else will correct defects and want of balance, towers will be designedly erected to correct them.

In a hundred years the line of tall buildings in Manhattan, dominated by a sky-piercing, gracefully crowned city hall will be like the range of the Apennines in Italy. The water fronts of the Hudson and the East river will be a steady line of warehouses and terminals, commanded at regular intervals by lofty recreation buildings on the piers, each one of which will have a beauty quite independent of all the rest. Farther up town great apartment houses will over look the water. Here and there along the shore will nestle little parks, and upon both rivers stately steamers, the development of our ferryboats, will glide, carrying up and down such of the teeming millions who live in newly created residence quarters as prefer that means of transportation to the whirling cars beneath the ground.

In the city itself the elevated structures will long since have disappeared, and so will surface tracks of iron. Powerful double-decked automobile coaches, which will have taken the place of trolley cars, will glide over smooth vitreous pavements.

By a natural process of evolution all squalid, mean and disfiguring buildings will have disappeared from our streets. All points of vantage, like the intersections of streets and avenues, will have been occupied by structures of character and dignity. The wealth of the city will have found an appropriate outlet in fountains and statues at all such points.

Splendid clubs will have multiplied. Learned societies of which we have not yet dreamed will all have their houses. The great cathedral on the heights will long since have been completed, creating, with its dependent structure, an architectural effect upon Morningside hill that will rival the beauty and grandeur of the Acropolis at Athens in its glory. Here and there all over the city the places of assembly of philosophical and ethical societies of various sorts will rival the splendor of the churches.

Massive and imposing model tenements or great phalansteries occupied by people living according to a cooperative plan, will have taken the place of the structures of the slums. Meantime it is fair to suppose that the palaces of the rich will have multiplied in number and greatly improved in architectural character.

The parks will have become beautiful in a way that we can hardly imagine. Impossible and unadapted growths will long since have disappeared, while trees now small, of suitable species, will have attained their perfection. All the parks will have been adorned with statues, pergolas and fountains. At intervals stadia, coliseums, theaters and other places will have been reared.

Only a beginning is this of the things that are to be in this town in a hundred years. But perhaps it is enough to set down at one time.

MEXICO IS LEARNING.

The American Way of Living Is Taking Deep Hold on People.

The study of English is compulsory in the Mexican public schools. Every year Mexico sends to the United States a number of school teachers to study American pedagogic methods, says Edward McConley in the American Monthly Review of Reviews. A great many Mexican children are being educated in the schools and colleges of this country, where formerly they were sent to Europe. The number of Mexican visitors to the United States and the number of American visitors to Mexico is increasing every year. It is said that Yucatecans know New York better than the City of Mexico, and that west coast Mexicans are more at home in San Francisco than in their own capital city. Thus, each year the American way of living is taking a deeper hold on the Mexican people.

The vice president of Mexico and announced successor of President Diaz is very much Americanized in his ideas. In fact, he might easily be taken for a plain, shrewd American business man from his appearance, manners and methods. He has always been exceedingly friendly toward Americans. As governor of the state of Sonora, he encouraged them to invest in enterprises in his state and to settle therein. He spared no effort in seeing that their lives, property and civil rights were protected. He is well informed about the United States and is a student of English. He has three daughters in school at San Francisco and is educating all of his children in the United States.

Another Point of View.

"No sir," said the man with the fancy waistcoat, "football doesn't need any reforming. It's all right just as it is."

"And may I ask your occupation?" inquired the little man in the gray stormcoat.

"Certainly you may," replied the first speaker. "I'm a ticket speculator."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

More Cautious.

Hogan (wealthy builder)—"Phwat would be a good name fr th new flats, Mike"

Grogan (his superintendent)—"How would 'The Marguerite' do?"

Hogan—"Not wid my wife! I named th' lasht wan 'The Josephine,' and I had t' change it in a hurry or defind an action fr divorce."—Puck.

ABOUT BEDS.

In olden times beds were very sumptuous articles of furniture, and the gift of one in a will represented in many cases a large sum of money, the bedstead with its fittings frequently having cost several hundred pounds. In Elizabeth's time and earlier bedsteads were imposing creations of oak, richly carved in all manner of quaint devices, with, perhaps, a grinning satyr peering from behind a pillar, sufficiently grotesque to murder the slumbers of the most somnolent. Those were the days, too, of heavy silken hangings, valances and quilts, all richly embroidered in silk and gold and silver thread, with heavy bullion fringes to add weight and majesty. Such beds may be seen in some of the valuable collections at the museums and at country seats, such as Warwick castle and other notable old places. To modern eyes they compare very favorably, despite their intrinsic value, with the simple dainty beds of modern times.

BUSY AMERICAN WOMEN.

The American woman is going ahead. The census returns show that 5,000,000 and more women are employed in the nation's industrial life. There are now three times as many women stenographers as there were ten years ago, while the number of woman bookkeepers and accountants has doubled. The percentage of saleswomen also shows a corresponding increase. Women have risen to be treasurers of street railways, presidents of national and savings banks, secretaries of financiers of salaries of $10,000 and $12,500, executive heads of building and contracting firms, buyers for large stores, etc. They are to be met with in a hundred responsible capacities and of them outside the once circumscribed field of female occupations, and in all of which a talent for figures is a prime requisite of success.

In the Midst of Alarms.

A boy alarming finds the scheme
Of college life.
Death lurks upon the football team
And in the strife
Attendant on that annual rush
Ycleped the "cane,"
Where hapless men in one mad crush
Are swiftly slain.

In baseball he may bite the dirt
From blow of bat,
And should he come through it unhurt
There is the "frat."
A college man must look alive,
I wish to state;
The only wonder is that some survive
To graduate.
—Philadelphia Bulletin.

A Straight Tip.

Teacher (to class in geography)—"What does a strait separate, Bobby Taylor?"

Bobby Taylor (absently)— It separates his pile from a feller, if the odder guy's got a flush!"—Puck.

Semi-Wee...

TWENTY-SIXTH Y...

DAY IS OBSERVE... AT WHITE HO...

Christmas Exercises C... Out By the Preside... and His Family.

TREES FOR THE CHI...

Entertained Later at ... of Captain Cowle... Greetings Sent.

Washington, Dec. 25.—Christ... ...ved at the White House ... ...mary good cheer. In the ... younger children played ... ...on tree which they had ... themselves. Later in the ... to the home of Capt... ...les the president's brother ... the president sidetracked ... ...ately for the day spe... ...his time with his family ... ...ing there was an inform... ...at the White House ... ...esentative Nicholas Longw... ...spective son-in-law of the p... ...be the guest of honor.

Greetings By Wireless

Christmas greetings were ... the Atlantic Sunday nigh... ...reless telegraph station at th... ...on navy yard. From ... ...tions even those far dista... ...ith messages of good che... ...wishing a greeting to th... ...and at stations the navy ... ...was testing its elaborate ... system ...

OFFICER SHOT IN G...

Did It to Frighten a ... Man Who Was Run... Away.

HEAD DESIRED EF...

...shooting to stop a drunken ... running away created ... ...ment in the neighborhood ... at the rear of the G... ...ise Monday afternoon ...

A man was in an East M... ...drunk and was ... Policeman D... went to the place to ... and he saw them ... ...out the back door. ... after him and the fell... the alleys. Officer ... revolver into the groun... ...ight frighten the fellow ... desired effect, for ... as though he had ... was easily taken by the ... The man could not tell ... He was in an advanced state ... and could not spe... enough to make his name ... officers put him in a ce... Christmas day.

TRIED TO LEA...

Police Called to Retain A... In Her Room.

Mrs. Anna Smith, the you... ...ing on South Main ... birth to an infant wh... ...ed to die, made some ... Monday. She declared tha... ...ng to get up and leave he... ...ted to dress.

The officers were calle... young woman was required ... ...er room. She will not ... leave until the coroner h... ...quest today.

HUSBAND DESE...

A. Solomon Left His ... Christmas Day.

Left without support on ... ...l, Mrs. Charles A. S... ...to the police last nigh... ...king that the officers e... her husband whom s... ...her.

The man went away ear... ...ning and the wife said ... doubt about his being ... She is without help ... support and she pleade... ...ce to try and find her h... ...ke him come back hom... care of her.

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